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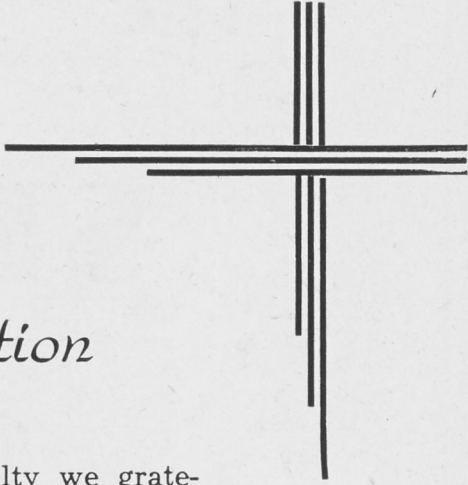
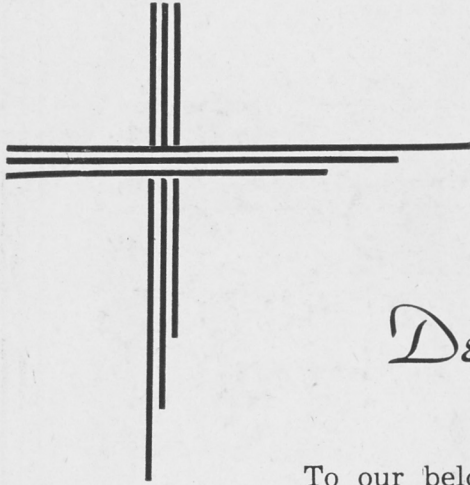
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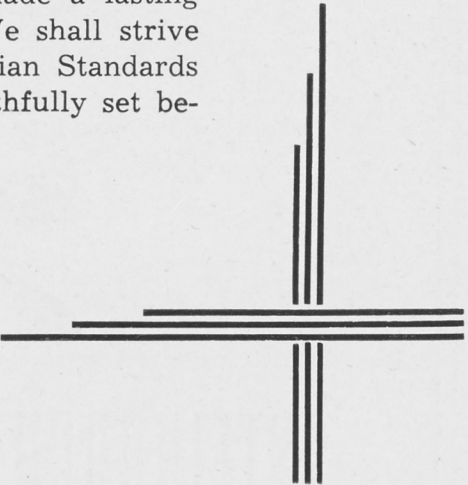
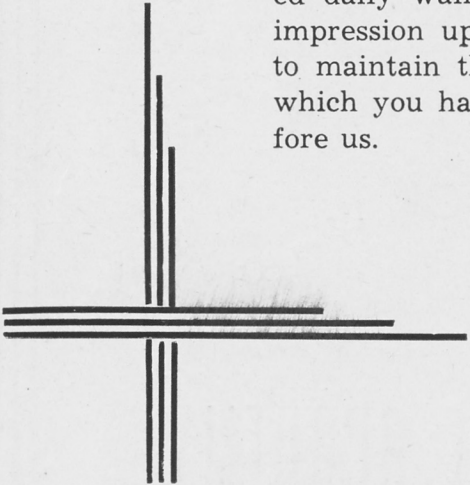
Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit  
in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:3.



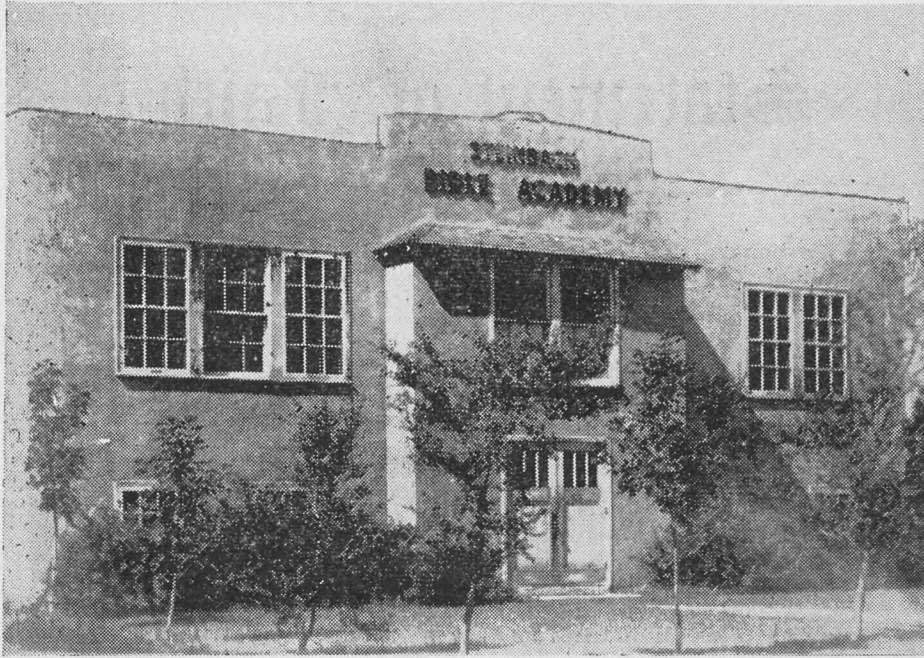


## *Dedication*

To our beloved faculty we gratefully dedicate this book. Your patient, helpful, and sacrificial spirit in teaching, and your humble consecrated daily walk have made a lasting impression upon us. We shall strive to maintain the Christian Standards which you have so faithfully set before us.







## STEINBACH BIBLE ACADEMY

### Purpose and Aim

The Steinbach Bible Academy, an interdenominational Bible School, aims to train and send forth men women who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour through the grace of God, who have acquired a thorough knowledge of the Word of God to enable them to lead others to Christ and to instruct them to grow spiritually, who have become spirit filled with a passion to win the lost, and have become willing and zealous to serve the Lord in their own home church and wherever called by Him.

### Courses of Study

1. Three-year General Bible Course
2. Two-year Christian Education Course

Completion of the two-year Course entitles the student to a diploma from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association of Chicago. Completion of the three-year Bible Course may also qualify the student for this diploma as well as the diploma of the Bible Academy, depending on the subjects taken.

### Entrance Requirements

All young people of good moral character who are willing to obey the rules and regulations of the school will be welcomed at the school. Students who want to take the Christian Education Course in two-years must have a Grade X standing or have reached the age of twenty years. You are invited to write for an Application Form to the Registrar, Steinbach Bible Academy, Steinbach, Man.



# Statement of Faith

## I

We believe the Holy Scriptures, both of the Old and the New Testament, to be verbally inspired of God, infallible and the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

## II

We believe in One God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## III

We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and Man.

## IV

We believe that man was created in the image of God, sinned and thereby incurred, not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; that all human beings are born with a sinful nature and are in need of redemption.

## V

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice of our sins and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.

## VI

We believe that He was bodily resurrected and ascended into heaven and at present acts for us as a High Priest and Advocate.

## VII

We believe that all who in faith receive the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.

## VIII

We believe in the personal, literal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to judge the living and the dead and to reward every man according to his works.

## IX

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust.

## X

We believe in the eternal duration of the blessedness of the righteous and of the punishment of the wicked.

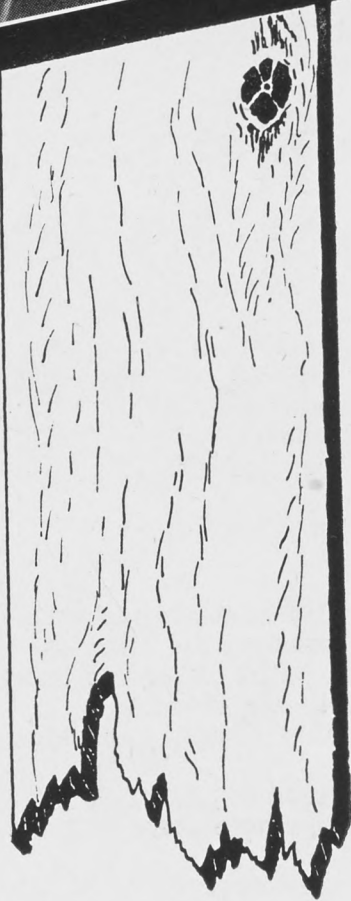
## XI

We believe that every believer belongs to the Bride or Church of Christ and has the responsibility to so live and witness that the interests of Christ shall be advanced among men.

## XII

We believe that Christians are to live a separated life; abstain from all carnal strife, worldly practice, worldly dress and worldly amusements.





## DIRECTORS' REPORT

In looking back on the activities of 1951 we can sincerely express ourselves with the writer of old according to 1 Samuel 7:12 b

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." For this we are very thankful.

We are very thankful for all donations received, and the true and faithful prayer support by the many friends of the Academy.

The board of directors have gathered at different intervals throughout the year, trying to direct and guide the matters of the Academy as best they knew how. These are the different problems of the school to cope with. One of the main problems and concerns is that of obtaining and maintaining a staff of teachers who are consecrated, zealous, and have a vision for the needs to be met in this day of impending darkness and growing prevalence of false teaching.

We as the board are definitely concerned for our young people, that they might find in this Academy a place to study the great doctrines of the Bible, and to be prepared to step out fully armoured to withstand the wiles of the devil. Nay, far more than that, to be conquerors knowing how to wield the Sword of the Spirit, how

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# PATHS

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Paths of sound instruction, Lord,  
By faithful servants given —  
Who, ever studying Thy Word,  
Teach what Thou hast bidden —  
Lend wings to feet that plod along  
As though the day were long,  
And lead us to a fuller life  
Of harvest and of strife.

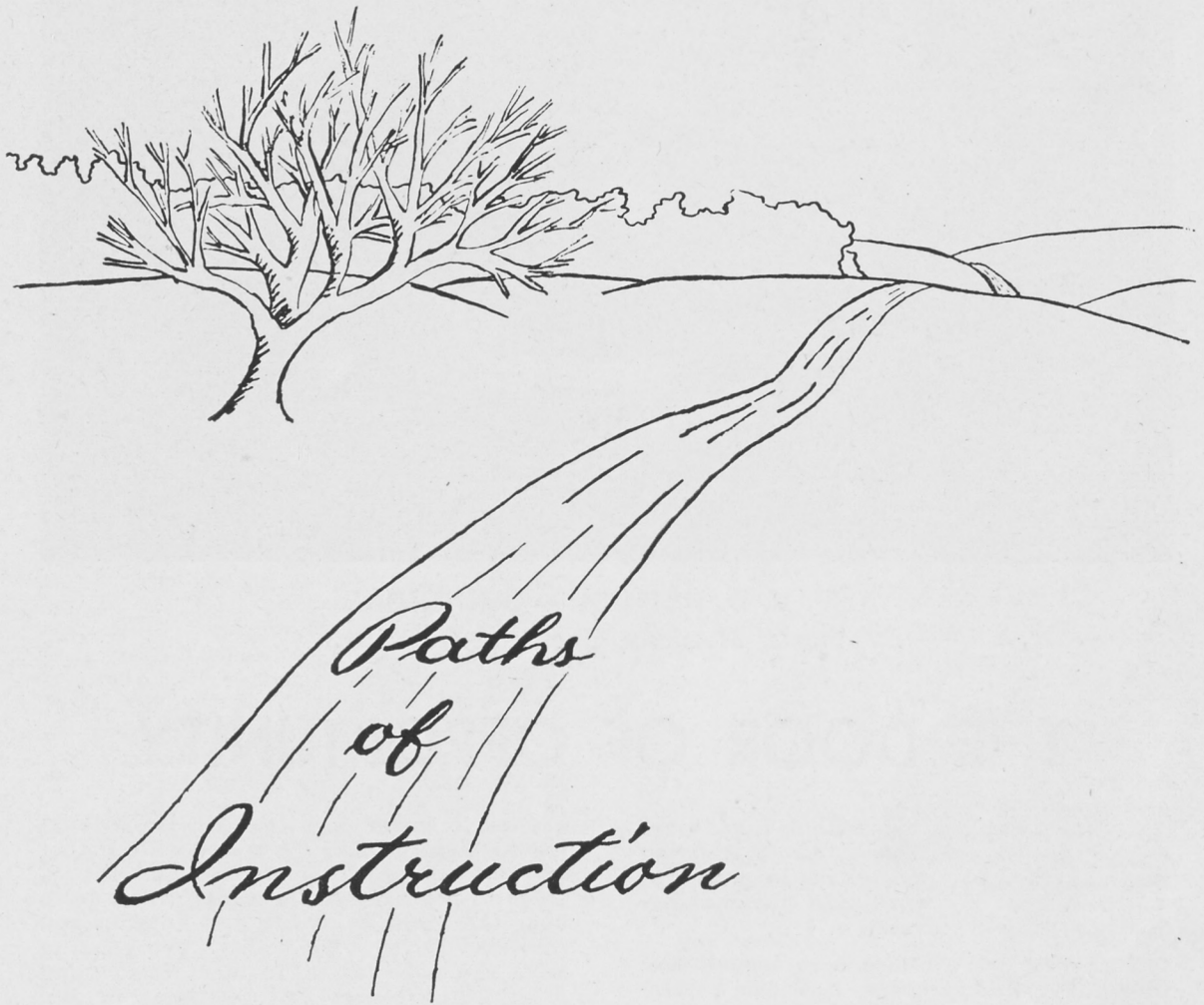
As we diligently follow  
On the paths of learning,  
May our hearts and wills be mellow  
For the Saviour's moulding.  
With godly wisdom, Lord, endue us;  
Keep us from all dross,  
And lead us now along this way  
To serve Thee every day.

May every step we take upon  
The paths of daily life —  
Be it in speech or gentle fun,  
In play or friendly strife —  
Be filled with virtue and with love  
To please our Lord above;  
And gird us with the strength to  
wield  
Our Master's sword and shield.

All the paths that we pursue —  
Are centered on the Lord —  
Converge on paths of service true  
To carry forth the Word.  
O'er mountains rough, o'er stormy  
seas,  
At home in seeming ease,  
The blessings, where these paths may  
lead,  
Will every care exceed.

Edward Reimer





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REV. B. D. REIMER — PRINCIPAL  
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## THE DOOR OF OPPORTUNITY

"I know thy works: behold I have set before thee **an open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Revelation 3:8.

This was God's message to the ancient Church at Philadelphia. But God's messages never grow old! The same truth, under the same conditions, with the same demands is none the less true today. And, since human nature remains unchanged, the character and mission of the church of God have not altered. We note that the church in Philadelphia was made up of an exceptional body of believers. They are the only company of the seven to whom these letters of the Revelation were written that escaped criticism and were highly commended. Because of this honesty, loyalty and trustworthiness God opened to them the **Gate of Opportunity**. Oh, what a privilege! What a wonderful thing to have God Almighty open the door of opportunity which no man can close.

But, you ask, to whom does God proffer this privilege? Is it for a select few only? Does God have to be begged or coaxed to open this door of service to us? No! No, indeed not! God does not want anyone doomed or damned; He does not want

anyone to suffer or go to hell. He is longing to bless people. He is not willing that any should perish, but that **all** should come to repentance. He **wants** everyone to hear the message of life and hope in and through Christ. He wants everyone to have the opportunity to meet Christ and receive forgiveness and remission of sin, eternal life and a home in heaven. And, just as God opened the door of opportunity for service to the Philadelphian Christians he is longing to open it to everyone, if they will let Him do so. Note also, that He says, "I have set before **thee** an open door, . . . for **thou** hast kept my word . . . etc." The use of the singular pronoun shows that the promise of the open door is not only to groups of Christians, but to every single individual who will meet the conditions.

In looking for the conditions to be met, as we find them in this verse, we are crowned with immediate success. They are unmistakably set out in the passage before us. The Lord himself, the Omniscient One, who is speaking here, says, "I know thy works", and because of these works "have set before thee an open door, which no man can shut." Three

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# Die Deutsche Sprache in der Steinbach Bibelschule

Die deutsche Sprache ist in der Bibelschule nur eine geduldete, ein „elective“. Du darfst sie nehmen, kannst ihr aber auch den Rücken zugehren.

Da steht sie nun und schaut demjenigen wehmütig nach, der sich von ihr abwendet! Bin ich doch deine Mutter, von Gott dazu bestimmt, habe ich doch an deiner Wiege gestanden, und nun wendest du dich schüchtern von mir ab! Aber meine Mutterliebe ist so groß, daß sie dir dennoch den mütterlichen Segen nicht vorenthält. Ich möchte den werten Leser einmal an einer deutschen Sprachstunde teilnehmen lassen.

Es gilt ja vor allen Dingen eine richtige Aussprache der Laute. So fällt nun unserem mennonitischen breiten Munde nichts so schwer auszusprechen wie das „ü“, bei ihm gibt es nur ein „i“. Er fühlt ganz angenehm, wenn er sagt: „Hüberts Peter treibt die Hühner über den Hügel in das Hühnerhaus!“ In dem Ohr des Lehrers schneidet es wie mit einem Messer. „Nein! Hüberts Peter treibt die Hühner über den Hügel ins Hühnerhaus!“ Mund spitz!

Der platte Mennonit glaubt auch nicht an ein „eu“, bei ihm ist alles „ei“. Bei ihm ist „Die Freude und freien“ ein und dasselbe in der Aussprache. Die Freude ist eine Gefühlsäußerung, „freien“ kann man aber nur um eine Jungfrau. Was denkt man sich bei dem Satz: „Ich freie mir sehr?“

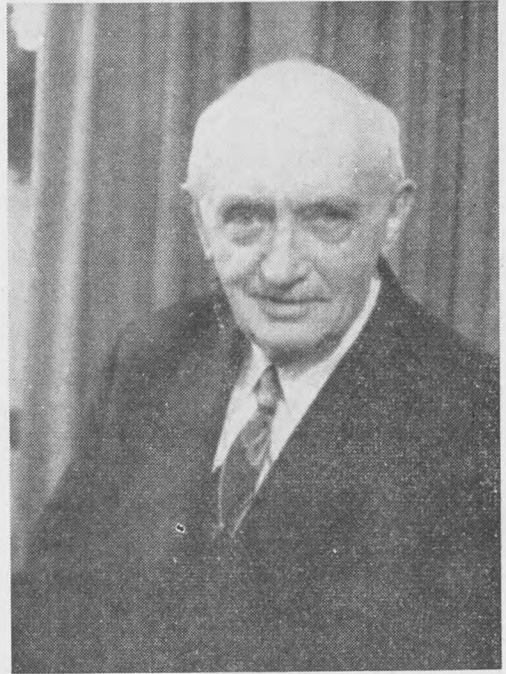
Eine Eigentümlichkeit der deutschen Sprache ist ja das Geschlechtswort der, die, das vor dem Dingworte. 75 Prozent der Studenten sagt: Das Vogel, die Affe, die Bleistift. „Nein! der Vogel, der Affe, der Bleistift.“ „Warum so?“ fragt jemand. „Das muß so, meine Mutter hat so gesprochen, dann ist das richtig!“

Eine schwere Arbeit erfordern die Verhältnißwörter. Es sind kleine Wörter, aber unbarmherzig in ihren Forderungen. Es gilt bei ihnen das Gesetz der Meder und Perser.

„Mit die Mutter, mit das Pferd!“ Das klingt schrecklich! Der Student behauptet, bei ihm ist darin kein Unterschied, er fühlt wenigstens nicht. Uebe dich nur fleißig nach der Regel, und du wirst bald dein Gefühl entwickeln!“

Welche Freude beseelt das Herz des Lehrers, wenn er nach längerer Zeit merkt, daß, wenn ein Student sagt: „aus die Kirche“ und dann über das Gesicht der anderen Studenten ein ironisches Lächeln gleitet. Der Lehrer sagt sich dann, hast nicht erfolglos gearbeitet, sie fangen an zu fühlen.

Wir haben Studenten gehabt, die mit einem sehr schwachen Deutsch in die Schule eintraten, und nach 3 Jahren treuer Arbeit verließen sie



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dieselbe mit einer anständigen deutschen Sprache. Wo ein Wille ist, da ist auch ein Weg! Allgemein wird behauptet, daß in jeder Sprache ein ihr eigentümlicher Geist lebt, welcher den Menschen beherrscht.

So bezeugten die alten Römer, daß die Germanen in ihrem Wesen feuch, wahr und treu waren. Wehe den jugendlichen Personen, welche das Gebot der Keuschheit übertreten hatten. Verachtung denen, die als unwahr erfunden wurden, und aus der Sippe (Familie) wurde der ausgestoßen, welcher sich als untreu erwiesen hatte.

Sollten wir bei dem Wechsel der Sprache diese von Gott in uns hineingelegten Tugenden verlieren?

Auch die Bibel sagt: „Die Weisheit von obenher ist aufs erste feuch . . .“ Jac. 3,17.

Weiter, liebe Brüder, was wahrhaftig ist . . . dem denket nach. Philipper 4,8.

Nun sucht man nicht mehr an den Haushaltungen, denn daß sie treu erfunden werden. 1. Korinth. 4,2. So hat in der Steinbach Bibelschule die deutsche Sprache ihre Stellung und Geltung, aber der Dichter sagt: „Noch eine hohe Säule zeugt von verschwundener Pracht; doch diese, schon geborsten, kann stürzen über Nacht.“

J. N. Wittenberg.



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## The Christian — A Servant

Servant, minister, steward, slave — these are the names describing the Christian's obligation to God and his fellowman. He is a servant because of his unique position between God and man. God has chosen to bless the world through His own redeemed children. He has chosen that they must be the bearers of the Gospel. The Gospel was made by Christ, but it was written by Christians. Christ indeed preached the Gospel initially, but He chose the twelve and the seventy through whom already during His lifetime He touched the lives of many. Since that time He has depended completely on those who have obeyed His departing command. Not only has the Gospel been written and preached by Christians so that a sinful, dying world might hear, but it is also the Christian church which has been the only repository of the blessed message. It has cost blood, sweat and tears to retain the Gospel when the enemy bent every possible effort to stamp out the Christian religion, because, to destroy Christianity, the Word of God must be destroyed. And, again, it is the Christian who has made the Bible a world book. He was responsible for its translation and dissemina-

tion. But earthly gain and temporal benefit were not his motive in these activities. The Christian does all this because he is a servant of Jesus Christ and of his fellowman.

Also, the Christian is a servant because he has chosen Jesus as Master. Did not Jesus say expressly that He had not come to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life as ransom for many? The servant is not above his master. As Jesus therefore ministered and served so must they who will be called by His name.

Lastly, the Christian is a servant because of his organic connection with the human race. The total life of a Christian falls into two parts in terms of service. He is either in service to God and man or, else, he is in dis-service. Here seems to be no neutral ground. He serves God and man when he helps to contribute to the fulfilment of God's design for mankind. It is God's design for man which is man's highest possible good. But when the Christian hinders the realization of God's design upon earth, he stands, it is clear, in a place of dis-service. He stands in dis-service to God because he does not help God to fulfil His purpose. He stands in dis-service to man because he hinders man's realization of his highest good. These are solemn things. Do they not call for a new inventory of the Christian's life and work?

Notice that it has been stated that it is the **total life** that can be analysed thus. It is not only an era here or there of a Christian's life that must be submitted to this analysis. Nor is it only the life's work of service for the Lord which the Christian has chosen which is subject to be considered as service or dis-service. It is rather the whole Christian — his acts, his thought-life, his character, his personality, what he hates, what he loves, and all that goes to make up life — who stands in service or dis-service before his God.

Thus the Christian in the totality of his life stands in the stream of mankind. He makes his indelible impact upon it. Mankind can never be the same after it has passed him as it was before him. A servant he is by virtue of this connection with the human race. What kind of servant he is will be decided by the kind of impact he makes.

Each of the four words used to describe the Christian's obligations emphasizes its own particular aspect of service and each carries its own directional idea. Servant and minister show more the manward obligations of the Christian, while steward and slave more the Godward. Neither the Godward nor the manward obligations can be fulfilled alone. The Godward relation must produce the ful-

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## Peace? Peace! Peace

The crying little youngster running home to his mother, may be coming from the neighbor's little boy. The two probably had a quarrel. If we should ask the reason for the sudden break of friendship, we might learn that they had thought differently about a matter, and neither was willing to give in to the other.

Other persons are similar to these boys. Nations also are similar to these boys. Man does not want to submit to anyone but himself. Is it any wonder, then, that we find so little peaceful living in this world of ours? Yet we are continually looking and longing for peace. Politically, committee after committee, and organization after organization, is struggling with the problem and solution to peace. Still, we are confronted with the fact that all human endeavors are futile. Where shall we find peace?

The ages have produced many individuals who cried: Peace!, with it, teachings that should bring peace — peace to the individual and peace to the nation. These persons led, and are leading many astray. As eager eyes are searching for a ray of hope, where are we Christians staying with the message of The Peace that passes all understanding?

Finally, we come to the peace that supersedes the peace with its many questions, and also the peace with its many exclamations. This peace is peace. In its arms the most wretched person can find perfect consolatory peace. Soothing, soft-spoken words of harmonious comfort are uttered to the man who puts his trust in Christ — God's son. It is the Comforter



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that speaks. Shall we heed the bidding of His commands? Let us determine to promote peace, by proclaiming the gospel of peace, and live consistently by it, in all circumstances of life. If we will, we shall see those same two youngsters reunited, playing together in peaceful friendship.

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filment of the manward obligations, or else, the right relation with God does not exist. And, in fulfilling the manward obligations, the Christian fulfills his Godward obligations. For, can a child of God love God and not love his brother? Or, can a man truly love man without loving God? Does a man love God more than he loves the man whom he loves least? The cross on which the Son of God died did not only have the pole pointing heavenward, it also had the crossbar to which His hands were nailed. If the one reminds us of the heavenly relation then the crossbar reminds us of manward relationship. It is as if our dying Lord points with His outstretched arms and says, "to serve me go and serve your fellowman; go everywhere; give all."

But let it always be remembered clearly that God's design and love for man is redemptive. He deals with man in terms of his salvation. The story of the Bible is

the story of the redemption of man. The centre of the Bible is the redemption wrought by the Son of God. This is the highest good of man. The acme of the Christian's service to man finds itself, therefore, in bringing about the personal salvation of his fellowman. It is the Gospel, and only the Gospel, that has been designed by God for this purpose. It alone is the "power of God unto salvation". From this, it follows clearly, that the center of all service, which can truly be called service, must be the propagation of the glad news of redemption in Jesus Christ. Only as all else is subject to, and a contribution of this central function of the Christian, is he a true servant of Jesus Christ.

Finally, all the needs for effective service of the Christian have been provided by God. The very moment man becomes a Christian through faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes to take up his abode in

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# CHONTA SPEAKS

By Don P. Shidler

Some of the most interesting plants I have found in the South American jungles are the palms. I would like to give you features of these plants, especially the chonta palm.

1. The chonta palm lives a separated life. Even though all about it is every type of small tree, bush, vines and jungle growth the chonta grows straight toward heaven and its foliage is seen high above all others of the jungle. It is truly a different tree.

This is a good example of Christian life. While God allows us to live on earth, our lives will be touched by every kind of sin and worldliness. The sting of Satan is on every hand; sometimes it is hard to see God's pathway for us but, beloved Christian, take a lesson from the chonta, look up, look "from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord." May our lives grow heavenward, may the trials of our faith become more precious than gold and may we live above the petty things that would retard our spiritual growth (2 Cor. 6:17, 18).

2. The chonta is well grounded. Its roots are sent deep into the earth and wind around rocks to assure sturdiness and a constant supply of water. Water is necessary to life. As this tree grows up it sends roots approximately two inches in

diameter and six feet above the ground to help prop it up. When I first saw it I actually thought someone had nailed props to a black post.

How we Christians need to run the roots of our spiritual lives deep into the unsearchable riches of God. Literally winding our lives around Christ, our rock, our cornerstone, precious because He is the foundation of all that is Holy (1 Peter 2: 6-7). Yes, we should run the roots deep to assure a constant stream of the water of Life flowing into our innermost being that we may stand and grow beautiful in His sight (Psa. 1:1-3).

3. The Chonta is not only separated and grounded but it is useful. Space will not permit giving many of the interesting uses of this remarkable tree, and the countless ways the jungle people use it. I can only list a few.

a. A shelter. It is hard and does not rot easily. The natives use it much in building. We as Christians should have a stockade of God's love and mercy around us, letting our light so shine that those without Christ may see our good works and seek forgiveness of sin and accept Him as their personal Saviour. (Matt. 5:16).

The chonta is also used for shelter for the wayfaring man. It is the only tree of the jungle whose leaf can always be found and will make waterproof protection from the terrific jungle rains. It is truly a shelter in the time of storm. Yes, the Christian should always remember that our God is a great GOD. He is the shelter in the time of storm, and we should ever be on the alert for an opportunity to be shelter to the one without Christ, out in the world, soaked and smitten by the storm of sin.

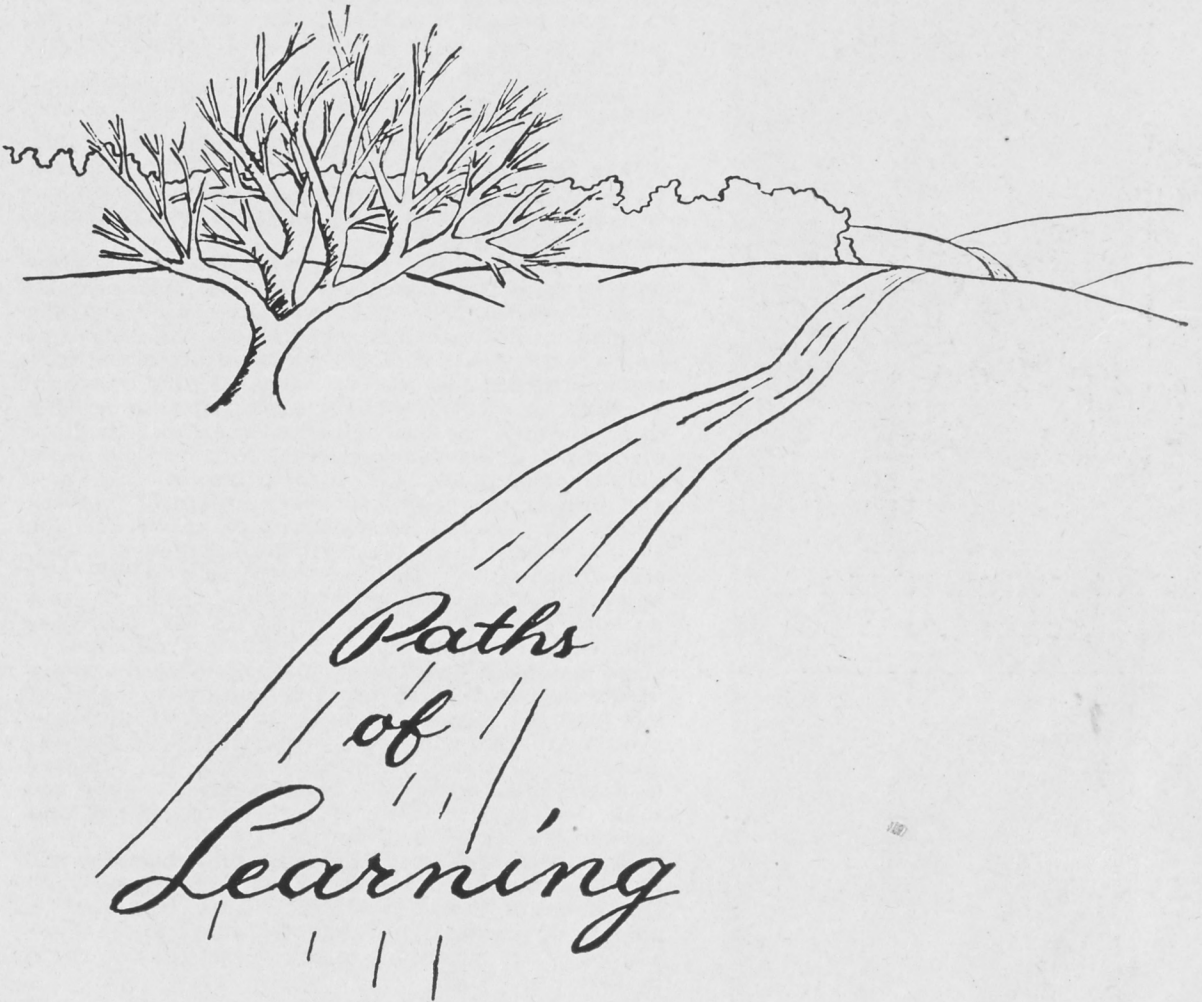
b. Food. The jungle traveller is always assured of food given by this plant. Just below the top, when the leaves are removed, is a long strip that is delicious to eat. It makes excellent soup.

The Christian also has food for the weary traveller lost in his trespasses and sins. It is the Word of God, manna sent from heaven. Men may eat and never hunger again. God help them to give them to eat (Isa. 55:1-3).

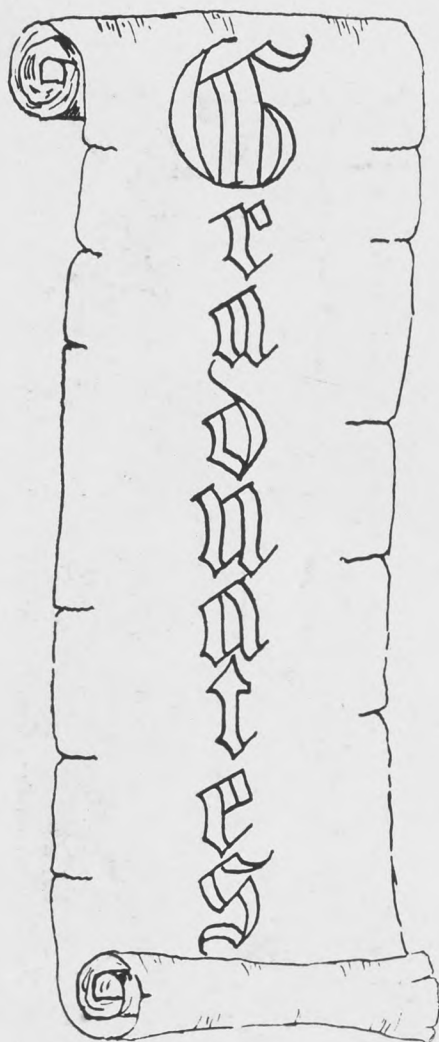
c. Warmth. The Chonta has within its texture an oily substance that will burn when no dry wood can be found. After a long hard day's trek in the jungle, what a delightful, warming influence it has.

Christian friend, is your all on the altar? Has the Spirit of God touched your lips with live coal? (Isa. 6:6). Do you want to do the WILL of God? Can you claim these things and let the seething millions of the heathen world go on without any knowledge of the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ? Let us be honest before God.





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## Third Year Class Report

Time passes so quickly that it is hard to realize that our third year of Bible School is almost gone. Oh, how blessed these years in school have been, sitting at the feet of Jesus and taking in the wonderful truths of His blessed word.

Someone might ask, "What has being in Bible School done for you?"

I trust and pray that our lives will reveal that it has brought us to a deeper understanding and closer walk with the Lord. It has also helped me to see the need of doing personal work, children's work and mission work.

We are especially thankful for the missionaries that have visited the school and also for the missionary conferences that we have had. As the missionaries related their experiences and told us of how the Lord had called them to do mission work we are again and again impressed that there is a cause for all this. Why would people be willing to go through the hardships and sacrifices that are involved in doing mission work? And why did Jesus give the command, "Go ye forth into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?" (Mark 16:15). How can these questions be answered? The Bible answers them clearly. The heathen are lost, and without Christ they cannot be saved. Eph. 2:12 tells us that a person without Christ is one "having no hope and without God in the world." Therefore the heathen being without Christ, have no hope.

As we think upon these things the desire arises in our hearts to find exactly that place that God has for us. I tremble inwardly to think if one of us should fail to fulfil the purpose that God has for our lives. We know that God wants His children to know and do His will. But we have to yield and take God at His word. For it is His Word that reveals His divine will to us.

In ourselves we are incapable of doing His will and this is not required of us. It is His power and His strength that enables us. "Unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

In closing I would like to thank those who backed us in prayer while we studied here in Bible School, and the teachers who have been good examples to us. They not only taught us by words but also by the deeds which we saw in their lives.

Dora Friesen.



### JOHN HARMS

Eph. 2:8. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." I am thankful for this verse which tells me that salvation is not by works, but by grace through faith. If it were by works, salvation would not be for me, "for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." Rom. 7:18b Thank God for His wonderful work of grace wherewith He saved me for a purpose. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.

This is my heart's desire that I might serve Him faithfully in that place, which He has planned for me.



## MARGARET HARMS

"Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I John 3:2-3.

It's my heart's desire that this blessed hope in Christ Jesus might continually urge me to be watchful, to be more yielded to my Master's will, and especially to be more faithful in helping to spread the glorious gospel. For this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations; then this hope shall be realized.



## PETER L. REIMER

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Eph. 5:16.

Our class motto, but oh how appropriate in this streamlined and rushing age. Never before, as now, has this world seen such a restless, selfish and perverse people. Surely it is the Christian's duty to with all his might and the help of God help in the great work of redeeming this evil and lost world.

This is my desire, hope and, prayer to do with all my might the work the Lord has for me.

QUARTET



## DORA FRIESEN

John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

I cannot understand why the Lord should have chosen me. And yet I know it is His great love. Oh how great His love is for us. When I think of this great love it fills my heart with the desire to be faithful to Him and to go wherever He might lead.



# SECOND YEAR

**Ramona Loewen**

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.



## CLASS MOTTO

Therefore, my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58.

**Lawrence Reimer**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Tim. 2:15.



**Ben Friesen**

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Col. 1:10.



**Evelina Reimer**

How excellent is thy loving - Kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psa. 36:7.



**Alvina Plett**

But if we walk in the light, as is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

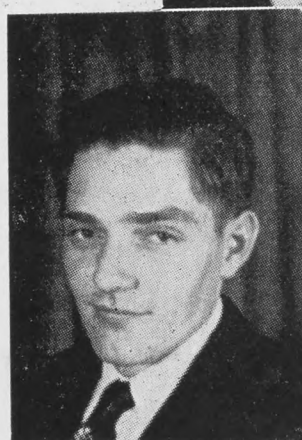
1 John 1:7.



**Gladwin Plett**

I beseech you therefore, brethern, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1.



# CLASS REPORT

I am sure if you had been with us during the first semester of Bible School this winter, I needn't write a class report, but, since you haven't, I'll try to convey some of our employments, experiences and blessings to you in written form. In my first year at Bible School I admired the second year students as superiors, but when my turn came to be a second year student I simply thought it to be a continuation of the first year studies. Well! that is just exactly what it is, with the exception of some new subjects. After all we can't take all subjects in one year.

Several of the new subjects in the second year of study are Church History and Theology. These are two year courses, then there are quite a few one year courses like Departmental Specialization, Child Study, and Sunday School Administration.

The Principal Rev. B. D. Reimer lectures on Child Study. I am quite positive had you taken in these lectures your attitude toward child life would be changed — for the better.

Mr. Archie Penner discusses with us the educational and inspirational subjects of Departmental Specialization and Theology. Space does not permit me to write out the things I have learned in these two classes with Mr. Penner. In the Departmental Specialization class we were brought face to face with the Intermediates, (young people ages thirteen to sixteen) their needs, wants and physical, mental and spiritual growth. We also received candid instructions in meeting these needs; first gain the confidence of the Intermediate then proceed carefully and intelligently in offering advice and guidance. The study of Theology was one of my favorite subjects. Many things were "revealed" to us by Mr. Penner in Theology — for Mr. Penner has acquired a grand erudition. Had you dropped in at the boys' dormitory some nights you would have heard a group of boys discussing "innate or intuitive knowledge" or some of the "isms".

With Mr. Wilbert Loewen we studied Church History. In reviewing for the examination I was quite sure I knew the reasons why we studied Church History, but when the time arrived when I should write them on paper it seemed as if the mind had gone blank. I found them again after some searching. I find I will have an altogether different understanding of the History of the Church after this study. We learned how the entire world

was preparing or being prepared for the coming of Christ. And how Christ came exactly at the appointed time. Then we studied the work of Christ and his disciples, and we found that in approximately sixty years after the death of Christ the "Good News" had been propagated over almost all of the then known world.

Sunday School Administration was another class with Mr. Loewen. If we ever will be called into the administration work of a Sunday School (which we doubt) we should know how, — if we don't forget what we have learned.

Although I have not mentioned all of the other subjects, you may be quite confident that they are worth taking in.

The fellowship we as students together with teachers enjoy is truly wonderful. Either in a general or group prayer meeting we know we are and have been strengthened and encouraged "to stand" and to fight the good fight of faith. Also the half hour morning devotions before the busy day of study also help to get our hearts set on things above, not on things here below.

So all in all I'm indeed pleased to recommend to you the studies of the Steinbach Bible Academy, with the hopes of seeing you enter its classes and some day write a class report.

Gladwin Plett.

## The Cry of A Pagan Child

"There's none in this world who cares  
For a child forsaken and lone."  
Is the cry of a lost young pagan child  
As it speaks to a God unknown.

My heart is heavy and full of sin  
Forsaken by mother, father and all,  
There is none to speak a comforting word  
They have left me to stumble and fall.

Will some one not heed the sad cry,  
Of the child who in conflict is tossed,  
Is there no hope for a sinner like me,  
Must I be eternally lost?

Dear Christian can you turn a deaf ear,  
To the heart-rending cry of the day?  
Can you be at ease with the millions that  
Consider your fatal delay. [die?

Alvina Plett.



# FIRST YEAR CLASS REPORT

Yes, I fully realize that you are very very busy, which is no exception these days. Nevertheless, I'll be bold enough to entreat you to put your work aside for just a few minutes, and allow me to escort you into a place we as first year students have learned to love during these few short months; the first year Class Room. I do not hesitate to state that the precious moments lost to your work will be fully compensated by the soul-warming observations you will make.

It is "free period," a time given for study.

Entering the class room, you will see seventeen diligent students so engrossed in their studies that they do not even notice you entering. As you watch the class you may notice one particular student is very busy writing. Probably he is writing an essay on one of the Epistles, or working on an Exegesis assignment. After a few minutes his pen stops. Lines draw across his forehead as the immediate result of deep concentration. He props up his left elbow, cups his chin in the hand, and in a last effort to overcome the formidable obstacle across which he has come, he works his fingers through his hair in a purposeful manner. Finally he picks up his Bible and note book, and you see him disappear into the library room.

Should you follow you would see him take out of the library a book with a rather stern outward appearance; one of the numerous commentaries. As the

wrinkles on his forehead disappear you are compelled to change your mind concerning the sternness of the book, and agree that it must be a book of enlightening revelations.

During this brief observation you cannot have failed to notice the solemn, determination of the students, as they concentrate on the study of God's Word; their desire to acquire a more adequate knowledge of God's truths, and their eagerness to dig into and analyse the gems reserved by the Lord for those who love Him. On the other hand, the serene countenances testify of a time of enjoyment and blessings.

The diligence so obvious in the classroom is due to a realization of the need of the day. If you have ever had the privilege to take part in a conversation with an ambassador of one of the numerous false cults so prevalent today, you will realize how essential it is for us to really know the principles of Christian Doctrine as revealed in God's Word. Without a thorough understanding of the Word it is, to say the least, very difficult to deal with the cunning deceitfulness of Satan.

Maybe most of us see no reason to fear the false cults; their deception is too obvious. Personally, I believe we have more cause to be alarmed than we realize. One of the most pernicious head-cushions used by Christians today is the compromise of modernism. The veil that separates acceptance from compromise is more fragile than we care to acknowledge.

## Harvey Kroeker

Persistent in that  
which deserves a  
comment,  
In gain more  
knowledge Harvey  
is bent,  
He's not of the type  
that will chatter  
all day,  
But to sum him up  
he's both solemn  
and gay.



## Menno Hamm

Menno Hamm I  
would like you to  
meet,  
A gentleman of the  
first degree,  
In scoring high  
marks, he is hard  
to defeat.  
On his face rests a  
smile that's  
pleasant and free.



QUARTET

Also, the direct uncamouflaged works of Satan are being initiated all over the world at an ever increasing rate, 2 Tim. 3:1-6. We live in days of wars and rumors of wars. Men's hearts are failing them for fear. See Matt. 24:6,7. Prophecies are being fulfilled. The nation of Israel lives again. Every indication shows that our Lord's return is very near.

This brings us to the final, and dominant objective of our studies. Before Christ ascended to heaven he gave us a commission. Read Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; John 20:20-30; Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8. Is this commission given only to the twelve disciples? The early church definitely accepted it as a command to the entire Church — every Christian a missionary, wherever he is. In Acts 8:1-4 we find definite proof for this. They that were scattered abroad — all except the apostles — went everywhere preaching the Word. We must therefore accept the fact that every Christian is an ambassador of the Gospel. If Christ gave us this great commission, He expects us to obey His bidding until He returns.

Therefore, as ambassadors and students, our aim throughout the year has been to study to shew ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth, (2 Tim. 2:15) for the salvation of souls. As we have studied God's Word, and have ventured into the sacred passages, our constant prayer has been: May the Lord at His coming find each and every one of us faithful at his particular predestined post, so that we will be able to meet the Lord with gladness.

Ed. Reimer

### Lorraine Dueck

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A joyful character is she  
In Public Speaking "tops" we see  
At recess time most every day  
The Gospel Hymns we'll hear her play.

### John Martins

A friendly, benevolent modest chap  
Is Johnny Martens — a friend to all  
Without any effort his life he'll adapt  
To the golden rule, as a blessing to all.

### Kathleen Buhr

Little, dark, reserved  
Kathleen  
In artistic work is  
very keen,  
Her cheerful disposition  
is really worthwhile.  
To discover nature's  
beauty she'd walk  
many a mile.



### Abe Giesbrecht

Abe Giesbrecht from  
Austin hails,  
He's determined in  
nature, sincere as a  
Christian,  
Though the billows  
may toss, he courageously sails,  
His burden of heart  
is the leprosy mission.



### Tina Wiebe

Vivacious, active and  
sincere,  
Is sister Tina in  
First Year,  
The Lord's will she  
tries to do,  
In little things and  
big ones too.





**Susie Friesen**

Susie Friesen is  
quiet, reserved.  
But nevertheless it  
must be observed  
That she's on the dot,  
with her lessons  
done,  
And her friendly  
smile our hearts has  
won.



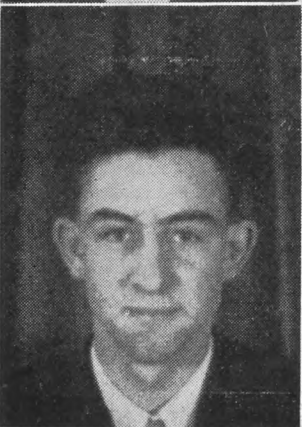
**Elizabeth Reimer**

Elizabeth is a friend  
indeed  
You can come to her  
when you're in need  
To comfort the sick  
is her special aim  
May the Lord bless  
her when doing the  
same.



**Ella Parkman**

'Suffer the little  
children'  
The words of the  
Master say  
And this will surely  
be obeyed  
When Ella has her  
way.



## The Prayer of A Heathen

Twinkle little Sirius bright  
Thy glee in an unknown code.  
Where is to thee the source of  
light,  
The hand that holds thy load?  
Here is a soul, a lonely one,  
In a darkened Land—Oh where's  
the sun?  
When will the living light allot  
The ray that waneth not?

Master of the vaulted dew —  
If such there be, I pray —  
The secrets of Thy dome I woo  
The mysteries of the ray  
That shines. Each night the un-  
known code  
To me great ecstasies would bode,  
I pray of what? I know not what,  
No one hath told me what.

Are there men to east or west  
Who ken thy glistening sheen?  
Oh please my message to them  
cast:

'Come for your Master glean.'  
Convey thy Mystics to this land,  
Great misery from souls to send;  
Enhance the dark, depressing  
fear,  
The woe — the fatal sear.

Cease now, thy intermittent  
fraud,  
Thou rapid twinkling spark,  
Eternal clouds my soul enshroud  
Entombing all — tis dark.  
Shadows fall to lift no more,  
Dark demons wait, my soul to  
war;  
The yawning gulf, the open tomb.  
The morn of endless doom.  
Edward Reimer.

**Mary Reimer**

An artist we have in Mary  
A moment is dull with her 'nary  
Her aim is to grow in the wisdom of  
God  
And follow the steps that her Saviour  
has trod

**Peter Brandt**

He will not despair though the going  
is tough  
He is helpful and cheerful and ever  
aloft,  
His aim in life is to glory the Lord,  
And to witness to those who know not  
The Word.



## Our Father's Love

Our loving Father, Saviour Lord  
A never failing Friend art thou;  
Sweet peace and comfort thou  
dost give  
When at thy cross we humbly bow.  
Thy narrow way oft seems too  
dark  
We cannot understand  
But then a still small voice says,  
"Child  
Come closer, I will lend a helping  
hand."  
Sweet peace and joy comes  
flowing in  
All fear, all cares have rolled  
away.  
And then with courage firm and  
strong  
For Him we labour day by day.  
How wonderful will be the day  
When we our Saviour's face shall  
see.  
And he will say: "Well done my  
child,  
Come home and dwell with me."

Elizabeth Reimer

### Adeline Reimer

Her friendly joyful disposition  
Has proved a blessing to us all.  
Her deep concern and firm ambition  
Will help the sick in body and soul.

### Edward Reimer

Here's one in class who knows it all,  
When questions rise on him we call,  
His friendly, cheerful disposition  
Will help his spiritual ambition.

### Doreen Reimer

She is a cheerful lov-  
ing friend  
With willing heart to  
lend a hand  
She sings in the trio  
with heartfelt con-  
cern  
That sinners repent  
and to Jesus will  
turn.



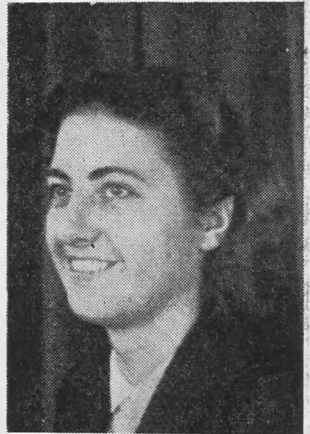
### Jean Eidse

She's tallest of the  
girls in class  
And in her grade  
we're sure she'll  
pass  
Her quiet manner  
wins our respect  
To find her in mis-  
sion work we expect.



### Nettie Kroeker

Her character is one of  
cheerfulness  
Though words used  
sparingly in class  
She serves the Lord  
with all her heart  
And always seeks to  
do her part.





AMANDA REIMER, R.N.

"For it is God Who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." How thankful I am for this verse. By nature I am not inclined to do the will of the Lord but my prayer is that God's will may be the controlling power in my life, for then only can I serve Him according to His "good pleasure."



LINDA REIMER, R. N.

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4.

As the cry comes to us from those who are still in darkness — "Come over and help us" — let us heed the cry, put on the whole armor of God and go forth boldly to win the lost for Christ.



LORRAINE NEUFELD

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins." I John 4:10.

When I see all that God has done for me, even though I loved Him not, I can only say: "Thou art the potter, I am the clay, mould me and make me after Thy will."



HENRY HARMS

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28.

This verse has been my comfort, and been with me since I have left school. I thank God for His saving grace and love toward us. At times my path of life seems weary and dreary and I cannot understand it. But Jesus never fails. He's my comfort and stay.

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# STUDENTS

## EVA PLETT

"Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths." Ps. 25:4.

I am thankful for the opportunity of going to Bible School. It is wonderful, and my sincere desire and prayer in studying His Word is to learn more thoroughly His plan for my life so that I can fill the place He has for me.



## HENRY HIEBERT

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

I am thankful for the privilege I have in attending the S. B. A. to learn more about this Lord and Saviour who is living in my heart.

QUARTTET



## PETE F. REIMER

"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philipians 1:21.

How thankful I am that I have yielded myself to him. He gives me joy and peace within my soul. My earnest desire and prayer is that I might be a real channel through which Christ can be seen.



## JOHN DOERKSEN

In Matthew 4:4 Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Having accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, I have an urgent desire for a more diligent study of God's Word, and through studying His Holy Word, to become more concerned about the souls that are still in darkness and sin, therefore to be willing to serve the Lord in a manner well pleasing to Him in my home church and wherever called by Him.







Back row, from left to right: Helen Penner, Agatha Fast, Lorraine Neufeld, John A. Reimer, Abram Wiebe, Peter S. Koop.  
Front row: Mrs. Doris Gerbrandt, Mrs. Clara Doerksen, Mrs. Margaret Dueck, Peter Dueck, Annie Fast. Missing from the picture: Edmar Fast, C. W. Hiebert.

## EVENING CLASS

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2. Tim. 2:15.

It has been our privilege to meet on certain nights of the week to delve into the great truths of the Word of God. We have been greatly blessed, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit and our Bible teachers, the Word of God has become clearer to us. It has been impressed on us how deeply depraved we human beings are and how impossible it is for man to be a child of God without a Saviour who came into this world to redeem us from sin and reconcile us to God. Then we were also shown what our responsibilities were after we had become the sons of God—that of winning others to Christ. There are many opportunities if we but look for them and grasp them.

May God forgive us our negligence in this respect and help us to see our responsibilities and take hold of our opportunities. May God give us the grace that we can become workmen that need not be ashamed before Him.

Peter Dueck.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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to occupy enemy territory, and to win souls for the Master.

We would sincerely request all dear friends and supporters of this school to pray earnestly so as to make this a very successful year. Yes, pray the Lord of the Harvest that He may create willing hands to take care of one of the major issues, namely, that of finances.

Pray for the students; pray for the teaching staff that they may get the power to rightly divide the Word of truth, to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray also that the board may always have divine guidance in all matters pertaining to this Academy.

Pray and give.

"Forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

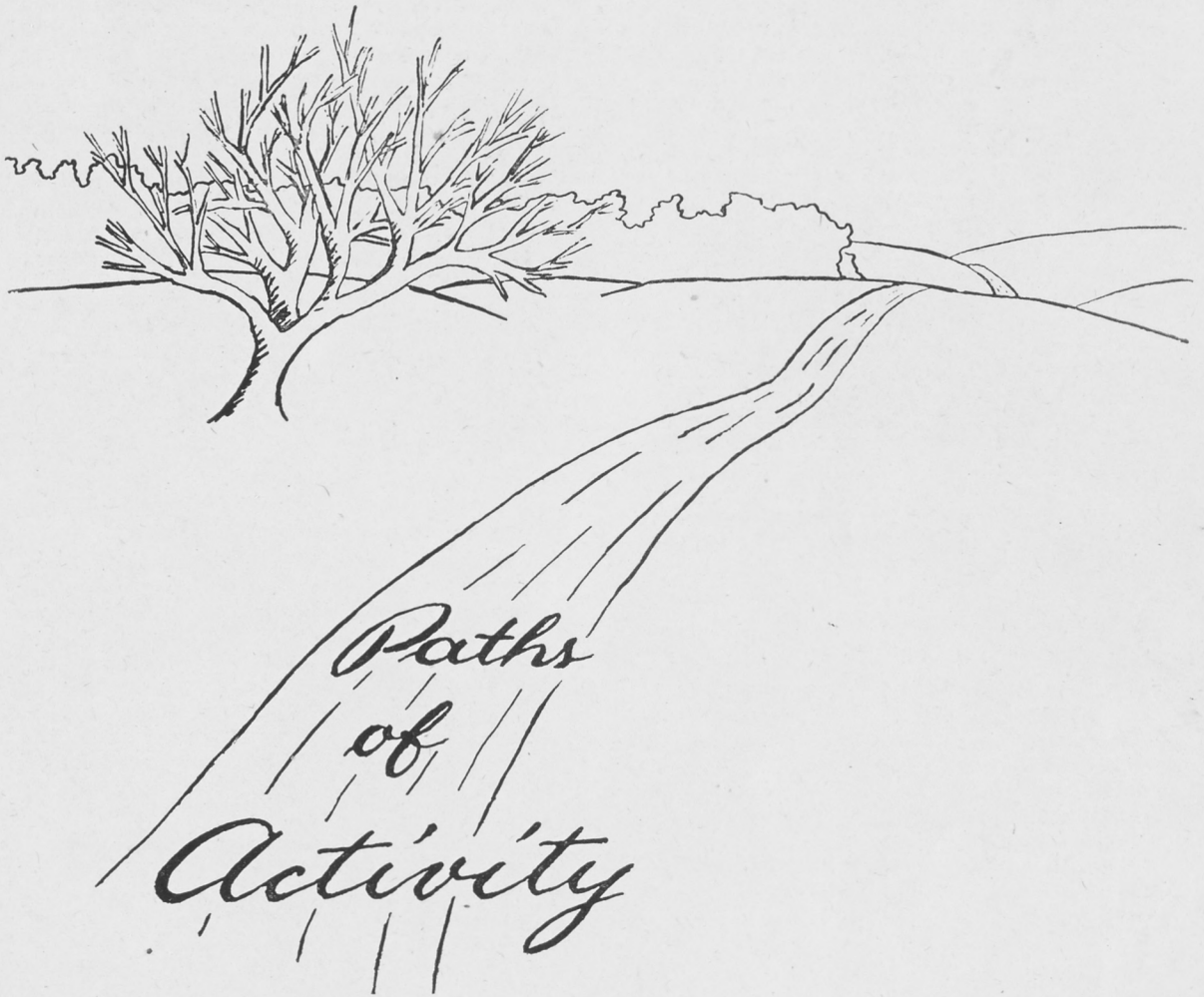
Rev. P. K. Bartel.

### THE CHRISTIAN — A SERVANT

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the Christian. At the time of the same act of faith the Holy Spirit by His baptism actually places him in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then as the Christian yields to God, surrenders to him, he is controlled, or filled, by that same Spirit. Thus in the controlling hand of the Spirit the Christian renders true service to God.

What glorious provision! The Christian is called for service by God. He is sent forth in service by Christ Jesus. And he is empowered for service by the Holy Spirit.



May every step we take upon  
The paths of daily life —  
Be it in speech or gentle fun,  
In play or friendly strife —  
Be filled with virtue and with love  
To please our Lord above;  
And gird us with the strength to  
wield  
Our Master's sword and shield.

## Morning Devotions

"Good Morning! Shall we turn to hymn number 48 this morning." Soon, from the very hearts of more than 30 people comes the song:

"What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought

Since Jesus came into my heart;  
I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,

Since Jesus came into my heart."

The song finished. Mr. Loewen, our speaker for the morning, leads in prayer. The students then sit down, their faces betraying an eager anticipation of the message to follow. Let us listen in:

"This morning we want to look at just one verse of Scripture. Isaiah 26:3 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.'"

"In this day and age there is very little technical peace among the nations of the world. We can hardly expect it otherwise for God's Word says, 'There is no peace ... to the wicked.' Even with individuals there is no peace, except among those who have accepted the Prince of Peace.

"You will notice that this verse is divided into three parts. Let us consider the last one first: 'Because he trusteth in thee.' This is the first step to perfect peace. If complete peace is our desire then we must trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. The 'trust' here is one that never wavers; it is one that continues. When we learn to place our soul's salvation in the Lord continually, we begin to experience this 'perfect peace'.

"But that is not all. The second part of the verse says, 'Whose mind is stayed on thee.' Perhaps you have sometimes seen someone so interested in an object that he cannot take his eyes from it; in all appearances they are 'glued to it'. In just such a way our mind ought to be 'glued' on the Lord. We should be fully attached to the Lord; our minds should be stayed on Him always. Remember, it is impossible to overstay.

"What, then, is the result of trusting in the Lord, and staying our minds on Him? 'Thou wilt keep in perfect peace.' There is now confidence on both sides; all doubt must flee. God, who is immutable, omnipotent and merciful is in a position to give. He is both able and desirous to give abundant peace. If we dwell in the Lord, He will keep us in perfect peace.

"Who will pray that we may put our complete trust in the Lord, that we may keep our minds stayed on Him, so that He may keep us in perfect peace?"

Morning Devotions are closed by a number of students leading in prayer. The classes separate and lessons begin. However, often during the day our thoughts drift back to the first half-hour of the morning when the Lord spoke to us through our teachers, and often special speakers. Whether the message be in the form of exposition, exhortation, challenge, or warning, our hearts are stirred and we know that we have "been with Jesus".

Menno R. Hamm.

## Practical Hour

"Everybody is to take lunch along to school Wednesday." "What for?" may come from one of the first year students. "Practical Hour," is the answer that comes from a second or third year student. Probably they may be none the wiser for their asking, but it does not take long till they find out for themselves.

A secret meeting was held by the third years. A few days later a "Missionary Meeting" was announced to take place in the auditorium of the Steinbach Bible Academy at 12:30. Everyone looked forward with eager anticipation, wondering what the quiet talking was about. When Wednesday noon came we all had our dinner together like one big family. As soon as it was time for the program we went downstairs. Songs and poems were rendered. Slides were shown by Linda Reimer of her work with the Indians in Puerto Rico. Our hearts were moved and challenged to do more for our Master.

A few days later a meeting was held by the second years. A poster announcing a

Worship Service of the "New Covenant Church" appeared on the bulletin board. The pastor of the church did some very good acting as pastor. The guest speaker, who was also a student, brought a message which stirred our hearts. In our practical hours we really can find the talents of the students.

The program we enjoyed most, I believe, was the one by the first year class. "The King's Gospel Singers" rendered a program "From Sinner to Saint". The singing and musical numbers were a blessing to our hearts. German and English songs were sung; trios, mixed quartets, ladies choruses and a piano accordion solo with a German poem recited between the songs constituted the program.

After the programs are finished the criticising takes place, both by teachers and students. Not destructive criticism, but constructive that we may be better fit to take our place in whatever work the Master calls us to do.

Ramona Loewen.





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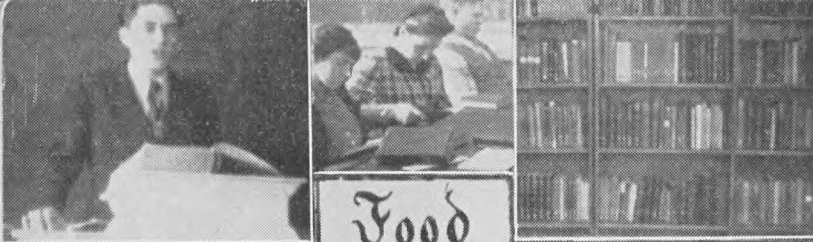
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## Food for the Soul



# Fall Conference

"The measure of God's love is Calvary and the measure of His power is resurrection. If God can raise a dead man to life it is a small matter for Him to give power for victory." These are a few of the precious thoughts given to us by Dr. Wenger of Goshen Biblical Seminary at our annual Fall Bible Conference held from November 9, 1951, through the 12th.

Dr. Wenger, our guest speaker gave us a short study of the book of Ephesians during the morning sessions. He emphasized the fact that salvation is by grace only without works.

The afternoon sessions consisted of lectures on "Our Heritage" as Mennonite people. Many of us had but a vague idea why we are Mennonites and these lessons on the founding and early history of our church gave us a greater appreciation of our early forefathers who were willing to sacrifice their lives for the doctrines of our faith which are based entirely upon the Word of God.

The teaching of Non-Resistance viewed in the light of the Scriptures was of great interest to us. Jesus said, "As the Father hath sent me so send I you." — Then we ask why Jesus was sent, and we read that he "came to seek and to save that which was lost." This also is our mission, to spread the good news of salvation to those who are dead in trespasses and sins that they may have life eternal. Our duty is not to destroy but to bring life to those without Christ.

The book of Romans was the text for the evening lectures. We saw that the law condemns us as sinners to eternal separation from God but through Christ Jesus we are justified or declared righteous in the sight of God. What the law could not do is fulfilled in Christ.

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# Life

## At The Dorm.

Tramp, tramp, tramp is the first sound of the morning as Brother John comes up the stairs, at the early hour of seven. Then an echo rings out, "Good morning". Of course we all know it is time to rise and shine, (mostly rise). So when we are all ready and seated at the table, morning devotions are begun. After prayer, breakfast begins amid the clatter of dishes. Soon the meal is over and the dishes are gathered together. The dishwashers take their places. Generally the ladies do the breakfast dishes.

The next rush comes at dinner time. As soon as the students have gathered, thanks is given by the one whose turn it happens to be, as we all take turns at giving thanks and praise to the Lord before each meal. And so dinner is eaten, seasoned with conversation. Then the gathering of the dishes and once more the dishwashers march up into place. This time it is two of the brethren. They can't waste time on the job if they want to be finished in time for class which starts at one-fifteen.

So pretty soon it is four o'clock and most of the students come home. The books are left and out go the boys for some fresh air. They return in about an hour and go back to the study room for another hour. That brings us right back to the subject of eating. Once more we hear a sound and this time it says, "Supper is on." All the boys head the same way. So after thanks is given to the Lord, supper is underway. Next come the dishes, so again the washers repeat the procedure they went through at noon. The other brethren go to their studies and once or twice a few of them get together for a good discussion. These talks have proven to be the source of great blessing to all concerned. The evening is soon passed and once more it is time to go to bed. It does not take long till you can hear the click, click of lights going out. Finally a peaceful quiet settles over the dormitory.

Abe Giesbrecht & Menno Hamm.





## *Voluntary Service*

"For the love of Christ constraineth us . . ." II Cor. 5:14.

"I realize that you have applied for summer relief work at Ninette, but a telegram has just come from the Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases, informing us that they are in dire need of a group of ward aides, to begin work immediately." This from Mr. Loewen our M.C.C. leader for Western Canada.

Would we be willing to go?

"Yes, we will go!" What passed through our minds during the time between the question and our reply, might take too much space to relate. Suffice it to say that we humbly asked the Lord for guidance in our decisions, committing ourselves into His loving care.

Seventeen Christian young people, representing four Canadian provinces, made up the M.C.C. unit at Brandon. Of this group Ramona Loewen, Adeline Reimer and myself are from the Academy.

During our first days on the wards, we were completely overwhelmed by the sad plight of over one thousand six hundred mental patients. We were faced with a challenge, a real responsibility, but also a precious privilege.

The horror, delusions and misconceptions which are so real in the nightmare-existence of a mental patient constitute a challenge that cannot be ignored — a challenge for us Christians to be that testimony to those round about us outside of Christ that will win them to the Saviour. For He alone can give us peace and calmness of soul and mind in this mad, rushing world of today. Is it possible that we as Christians are largely to blame for these broken lives? In our daily contacts with the patients it was plainly evident that in many cases they had become unbalanced mentally, due to misapplications and misinterpretations of the Scriptures. Then, also, in some instances, the destructive and perverse influence of false cults had done its work in the minds of the uneducated, causing utter confusion. Never before had we been challenged in such a real way to study and "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you . . ." I Peter 3:15.

We felt a keen sense of responsibility towards the staff as well as towards the patients. A person who is working side by side with you from day to day is quick to perceive where you stand and what your convictions are, judging not only by your words but by your deeds. We realized anew our responsibility to be true representatives of Christ.

It was a sweet privilege to be the means of bringing a ray of hope and cheer to the hearts of discouraged patients. There is so pathetically little to contribute to-

wards a semblance of enjoyment for those who are in a position to appreciate it. They are starving for love. We were more than rewarded for our meagre efforts when, with tears in their eyes they would thank us for our service to them.

The unit life at Brandon afforded ample and interesting opportunities for expression in the devotional, educational, literary and social phases. Never a dull moment did we spend in our off-hours, thanks to the ingenuity of the members of the four committees who provided us with spiritual, mental, and physical activities.

We had a wide choice of meeting places for our various get-togethers — surrounding the magnificent nurses' home are most beautiful lawns, groves of trees, and flower-bordered lanes. Our favorite picnic spot was the spring, about a half-mile walk over hills and across fields. On rainy nights we would gather in the spacious, luxuriously furnished living room of the nurses residence for sing-songs and talk-fests.

Our gatherings for prayer and devotion which we held in the chapel of the hospital are looked back upon as times of real blessing and strength which we could not do without in our duties as ward aides and attendants.

Our prayer is that our summer's work at the B. M. H. will have been of benefit to the patients and that our Lord may have been honored and glorified.

Evelina Reimer.

## *Recess*

"Es läutet"! in the "Grammatic" hour. There's a closing of books and a shuffling of feet, then a dash through the door to our coats. 'Are you taking overshoes?' — What answer did you have for No. 4? — Oh! it's nice out, come on 'Time's Money'."

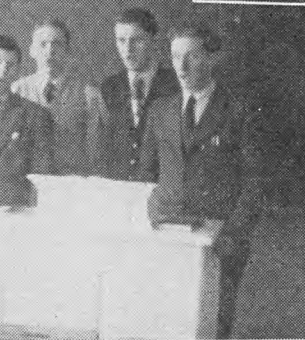
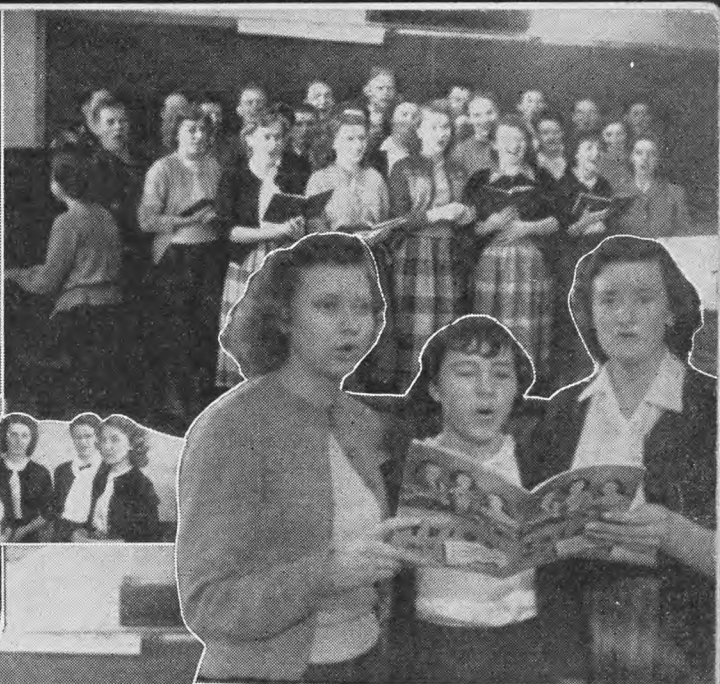
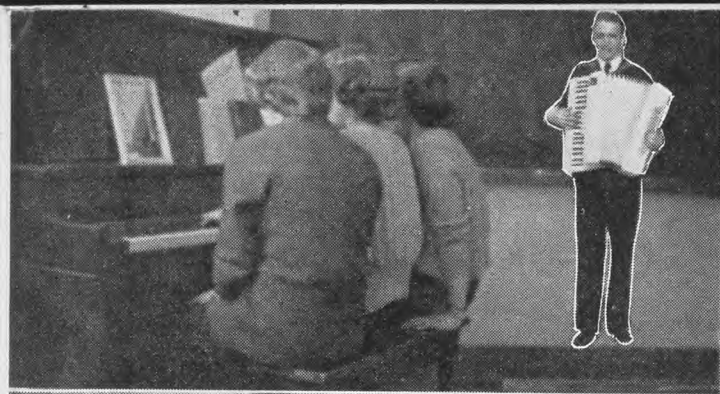
Soon the gossip fades to quiet whispers of those delicate ladies.

Our aim outside is to get that volley ball, with nothing in it, over the net. This is sometimes done in a queer way. The ball, if you can call it a ball, is tossed about from one eager player to another, sometimes over the sagging net to the other side but more often it flops to earth on the player's side.

Oh! Oh! someone is passing fudge under the net but soon the empty paper bag flutters to the ground.

Slippery as it may be and in the snowiest weather there is still the volley ball that is flying high in the sky or down to earth at recess.

Mary Reimer.



Upper half — Our musical ability.

Lower half — Two of a family.





"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6



## Why Sunday School

It is very important that the child be instructed in the Word of God. Most of the instruction the child receives in this realm is given to him in the Sunday School. But why does so much of it rely on the Sunday School? First of all, because of the passing of the teaching pastor. In most Protestant churches the pastor no longer teaches, but preaches. Another reason is the passing of the teaching parent. In many homes, all over the country, the children are no longer given any worthwhile instruction in the Bible. Nor is there the family altar existent in many homes today. Thirdly, the Bible is found only in a very limited way, in the public schools. At one time the school teacher was the religious instructor — he taught the Bible. But aggressive minorities have been largely successful in eliminating the Bible from the public school curriculum. And therefore, more and more, the Sunday School is depended upon for the religious education of the child.

Is the Sunday School really a benefit to the country and if it is, how much of a benefit is it? An estimate has it that

75% of the members of all denominations come from the Sunday School, 85% of the church workers and 95% of all ministers and missionaries were at one time Sunday School scholars. The testimonies of men who have had dealings with people and their crimes, point out that the majority of crimes that are committed by young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four, are committed by those who have never been active in the church.

The ultimate aim of the Sunday School should be to shape the immortal destiny of a soul according to the Word of God. Child evangelism is a very important phase of the Sunday School. Dr. Bob Cook, president of the Youth for Christ, says — "One of the greatest opportunities for soul-winning today is waiting for you in Sunday School."

Do we value the life of a child enough, so that we will do what we can to instruct them in the Word of God and bring them salvation? "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Doreen Reimer.

## First Aid and Home Nursing

One of the best opportunities given to us to witness of the saving power of Jesus is when we can at the same time minister to the persons' physical needs. In telling people of the love of God we show it in the love and administration of personal aid.

The nursing course is new to many of us and in many instances we are reminded of some place where we could have been of help to someone and the lack of knowledge caused someone to suffer unnecessarily.

The regular Wednesday classes have been of great benefit to us. To illustrate and impress upon our minds the extreme importance of vaccination and immunization for protection against communicable diseases a film was shown to us by the director of the Red River Health Unit. Further instructions were given to us by Sis. Reimer, our teacher, concerning the treatment of patients who had contacted such diseases as diphtheria, mumps, measles and scarlet fever.

Not only are we told how to speed the recovery but much emphasis is put on making the patient comfortable. Special attention must be given to bed-making

and the cleanliness and order of the room.

As Bible School students we are privileged in receiving a Home Nursing and First Aid training which will be of great help to us as we leave the school and enter into His service.

Shall we remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ in Matt. 25:34-46 as we put to practical use the knowledge acquired. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me".

Jean Eidse.

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In Romans 8:32 we read "He that spared not His own Son . . . how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things." What a great Heavenly Father we have and how foolish it is not to trust Him for everything that confronts us on the road of life.

The last session came only too soon. The Lord spoke to us through His servant and Eternity alone will reveal the fruits of this Conference.

Amanda Reimer.

## Gospel Work

Gospel work is the work in which we Bible School students participate, either on Sunday or some evening during the week. Much of the time is spent with children, Child Evangelism classes or Sunday School. Others who sing well, render songs on special occasions. The Lord so led that I was privileged to teach a Sunday School class every Sunday at Sprague, Manitoba. Reverend Otto Reimer is the missionary in the community. He has an enrollment of approximately fifty children in Sunday School. We also have a gospel meeting every Sunday afternoon at South Junction. For the evening we are back in Sprague for another service. Although only a few children come out at night, I still like to share a Bible story with them.

Even though I could make excellent use of the time spent in preparing the Sunday School lesson, in the study of the school subjects, I think it very beneficial to apply the achieved knowledge in one or the other of the manifold practical Christian services. In Sunday School you meet children of different walks of life, some reared in homes of poverty, others in homes of plenty. Some children come from homes where parents are non-Christians or perhaps only professing Christians who don't prove their faith by their works. And then there are the various disagreeable, sinful environments that these children encounter during the week. One must be well equipped to meet all their needs. Sad to say often we spend so little time in prayer and preparation for the service of the Master. Yes! in Gospel Work we find we must be thoroughly prepared by prayer, acquainted with God's Word. We are also guided to see the fu-

ture needs, thus we know where improvements in our studies are profitable and necessary.

In going out we also see sin "at home," at least more so than we know of in our own evangelized circles. We are humbled when we see people living so carelessly, not heeding the gospel of Jesus Christ through which we have been begotten to a new life and a living hope. Seeing these people wandering in utter darkness and sin causes us to search our hearts to see where we are failing God in His program of world evangelism.

In spite of the failures we know the time spent for God is time well spent. For the work done in Jesus name we receive a hundred-fold reward in this life, and in the life to come eternal life. I feel I'm rewarded when I see the children listening attentively to the Bible lessons, or when they sing the gospel songs and choruses from the very depths of their hearts. Then to think of eternity, when these dear young ones will share heaven's glories with us, because we told them of Jesus,—and to hear Jesus say "well done thou good and faithful servant", are rewards which should spur us on to work while it is day.

Summing up the benefits and rewards of Gospel Work, whether temporal or eternal I am assured it is a well-paying employment. Just think! a single soul is worth more than the whole wide world.

By the grace of God I want to continue in Gospel Work, even if I have to take study time for preparing the lessons and messages I know the Lord will bless accordingly.

Gladwin Plett.

## Christmas Program

Christmas time is the time when socials, and other get-togethers take place. Well, this school is no exception. On Wednesday the nineteenth of December at seven o'clock (it was really a few minutes after seven) the program started. But before this program could be rendered, much preparation had to take place, and so it did. The items had to be assigned, memorized, and then the groups who had a dialogue or songs practiced their pieces. If this had been all that proceeded the program all would have been fine. But to complicate matters, the biannual examinations had to be written.

Finally, after much labor and worry

the long awaited moment arrived. The students all filed into the auditorium and the program began. The program was an exceptionally good one, even though the selections rendered were nothing out of the ordinary. It was so because of the prayerful attitude of those who took part. All we wanted it to be was to be to the honor and glory of God.

The teachers and our parents, for whom the program was rendered, as well as the students received a great blessing from it. May the Lord continue to bless the faculty and the students.

Peter Reimer.





# H O M E & LIFE



## An Unforgettable Puerto Rican Christian

It is Tuesday evening, the usual night for the mid-week Bible study. It has been raining hard all afternoon and we know that the steep Puerto Rican hillsides are very wet and the paths will be treacherously slippery. The dark night with adverse weather conditions no doubt will keep some people away this evening. But there is one whom we always can depend on to be present, a Puerto Rican brother, who is indeed one of the most unforgettable Christians I have ever met.

He has been a Christian for only about four years. His faith radiates the joy of an abundant life. Wherever he goes he has a testimony for his Lord. Through his faithful testimony his parents, his wife's mother, the neighbours and others that he has come in contact with have found the Lord as their Saviour. He has not a bold and forward personality but he is bold in his witness for Christ.

Every evening in his home they take time for a family altar service. Quite frequently the near-by neighbours are invited. This service may last from one to two hours or even longer. During this time they sing praises to God, read the Scrip-

tures and spend much time in prayer. Each child is encouraged to take part in this. He is truly a man of prayer. He teaches a Sunday School class of adults at which from twenty to thirty people are in attendance. He is a real pillar in the church.

He had not been a Christian very long when the Lord revealed to him his duty as a steward of God's money. When he sells an ox, a few chickens, bananas or whatever it may be, he immediately lays aside the portion that belongs to the Lord. The Lord has blessed him abundantly, so that he has been able to build a new home. Upon moving into this home he had a special service in it to dedicate it to the Lord.

Many times when we would consider ourselves too ill to be doing our work, this brother still keeps going. He has a paralytic mother whom he tenderly cares for. He says, "I can now care for her as she did for me when I was a baby."

He is sincere, courteous and kind. He is a wonderful example of how God can transform a life that is yielded to Him.

Linda Reimer.

## Prayer Meeting

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire  
Uttered or unexpressed;  
The motion of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast."

Satan does not like Prayer Meetings and so he is constantly at work at Bible School trying to interfere. But thank God we have the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have, in all, three prayer meetings every week. On Monday after four the brethren gather for prayer. In these prayer meetings we experience some wonderful, blessed times. We are frequently privileged to have guest speakers for these occasions. We have been greatly inspired and blessed by the messages they have left with us. It is then that we come together before the Lord with great confidence and love toward one another. When brother goes to pray with brother it is an experience that is not soon forgotten. The Lord has done marvelous things through these prayer meetings. We praise God for these answers to prayer.

The sisters of the school likewise have a prayer meeting. This takes place on Tuesday after four. They have, instead of inviting a speaker, been discussing a very worthwhile topic, namely, "Great Women of the Bible". These meetings have been of great inspiration to the sisters.

Thursday the last period is the time that we really experience wonders with

our wonderful Lord. After the bell rings at 3:05 all the students and teachers gather in the first-year classroom. The teachers take turns in the exposition of the Word, and leading the prayer meeting. We have learned many things through these short expositions. What has struck me sometimes is, when Lehrer Wittenberg expresses in his thoughts that "Er hat Liebesgedanken mit uns", that is, "God has thoughts of love toward us." Even though we rebel against Him so often, He still treasures thoughts of love toward us. After the exposition we have prayer requests. In this we call to remembrance instances where prayer is definitely needed. We bring up such subjects as missionaries, Christians, unbelievers, etc. Then we give ourselves to prayer; each one in the way that the Spirit leads. All are given an opportunity to pray, making their requests known to the Lord. After prayer everyone rises; we sing a chorus or one verse of a song. Then the teacher says, "Auf wiedersehen," which echoes back from the students. Everyone is then dismissed and quietly leaves the room and goes about his or her activities.

I have found these prayer meetings of great encouragement and help in my Christian life, and I believe they have done the same for every other student. "The power of the soul is its breath to God."

Ben Friesen.

## Chapel Speakers

Dr. J. C. Wenger — Goshen, Indiana,  
Goshen College

Mr. Kenneth Johnson — Chico, California,  
New Tribes Mission.

Rev. J. K. Reimer — Danbury, Sask.  
Western Gospel Mission

Mr. Dave K. Schellenberg — Kamsack,  
Sask., Western Gospel Mission.

Mr. John Unger — Weekes, Sask.,  
Western Gospel Mission.

Mr. Bennie Eidse — Pelly Sask.,  
Western Gospel Mission.

Mr. Bill Carter — Missionary Candidate  
for Ethiopia under S. I. M.

Mr. Peter Reimer — 3 years of service  
as M.C.C. worker in Europe.

Rev. Milton L. Lovering — Canadian re-  
presentative of European Evangelistic  
Crusade.

Rev. Don. P. Shidler — Kansas City., Mo.  
Pres. Gospel Missionary Union.

Rev. P. H. Martens — Canora, Sask.  
Western Gospel Mission.

Rev. Gunn — Rep. of World-wide Evangel-  
istic Crusade.

Mr. Etter — International Christian  
Leprosy Mission.

Rev. Painter — Ceylon, Children's Work.

Mr. Henry Loewen — Brazil, S. A.  
New Tribes Mission.

## The Door of Opportunity

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things are mentioned that the Philadelphian Christian had that were apparently the conditions upon which the door was opened to him - a little strength, kept His Word, and had not denied His name.

One condition of an opened door is the **recognition and confession of the Lord Jesus as Christ**. They had not denied His name. How many today deny His name, either by silence, by disobedience or by regarding Him as a created being or a man only! Jesus said that if we are ashamed to confess Him before men He will be ashamed to confess us before His Father in heaven. Let us be true in this. Let us stand for His deity, His Lordship, His full equality with the Father. "Honor the Son even as they honor the Father" is the admonition of Jesus. This is extremely important, as we can see by the context in John 5.

The second condition is **keeping God's Word**. Like the Philadelphian Christian, make God's Word your authority for faith and life. What the Word said, they believed and did. Tradition, custom, the action of others and their own ideas were not permitted to keep them from making God's Word their Guide, when the Word said, "All have sinned", "the wages of sin is death", "your sins have separated you from God", "there is none that doeth good, no not one" and "there is no other name . . . whereby ye must be saved" they believed God. And when the Word says "repentance and remission of sin should be preached in His name among all nations", "ye are witnesses of these things", and "All power is given . . . Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to every crea-

ture" they believed and went. They kept God's Word. What Christ taught, they accepted.

The other condition is **strength**, "thou hast a little strength" said the Lord. The door is opened to the one who "can". There is no place in the service of God for the one who "cannot" or "does not know", or who is doubtful. Although man has no strength in himself and is totally helpless without God, in Him he is powerful. "Abide in Me", Jesus said, "and ye will bear much fruit." The apostle John says, "young men, ye are strong and the Word of God abides in you". This coincides with 1 Peter 2:2 "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby" and with the statement of Isaiah, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength". This shows that the one who would have strength must wait upon the Lord and feed on His Word. That is why Caleb and Joshua, in their minority report brought against strong opposition, could say with confidence, "Let us go up and possess the land, we are well able." God was greatly pleased by their attitude and faith. Referring to the things that He had done, Jesus says, "Ye shall do greater things than these". Paul demonstrated this when he said "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me".

Let us then go forward with confidence, keep His Word, confess His name and trusting in His strength, enter the open door set before us.

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All the paths that we pursue —  
Are centered on the Lord —  
Converge on paths of service true  
To carry forth the Word.  
O'er mountains rough, o'er stormy seas,  
At home in seeming ease,  
The blessings, where these paths may lead,  
Will every care exceed.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

... Royal Taylor, my companion, and I have been making efforts since June to contact a tribe but the Lord has not given us the privilege. Even though we walked the jungles that the Indians roamed in we did not get to see them. The Lord knows why. Pray for the salvation of these Indians.

Tommy Moreno and Dave Yarwood made a successful contact with the Nhambaquara Indians on the Guapore River. The Indians came out and were friendly to them. Then Tommy left to see the Indian Protective Society. Dave was left alone. When some other fellows went to see Dave, they found him dead, floating on the river, with two arrows in his body. This news was a shock to me for he was one of my best friends. It is hard to understand why he had to be left alone but some times these things are unavoidable. If the Lord sees fit to take His servant home, we must look and see what the Lord has in it for us. But there is no turning back.

During the wet season of the year our work is much the same as that of the dry season except that in the wet season it is much more difficult in some respects. Travelling by boat is the best in the rainy season and walking in the jungles is very bad. The dry season is the best for looking for the Indians in the jungles. Witnessing can be done any time, rain or shine, in season or out of season. Our ministry to the Brazilians is limited in a way because we spend most of our time in isolated areas where the Indians roam. We are thankful for the ministry that we do have with the Brazilians, and ask you to pray for those that have received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. . . .

Abe Koop.

"For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing . . . Who is sufficient for these things?" 2 Cor 2:15 16b R.V. From my heart I can say that Christ has been, still is, and will be my sufficiency in all things. I praise Him for having brought me to Ecuador, the land of my adoption.

The first impressions of a foreign country are countless, though fleeting. The novel, the fascinating, the sordid, and even the filth soon become commonplace and you begin to realize that you are a part of it all. Then of course there is a new language to learn. I was privileged in be-

ing able to go to Quito to take the language course offered by radio station HCJB there. After seven months of formal study (actual study never stops) I came to Macuma which has been my home since.

Macuma is a jungle station in the Amazon Basin, a territory which has very aptly been named the "Green Hell" of the jungle. The Indians, called Jivaros, are Head-hunters and are known as the most warlike tribe in this part of South America. To look at them you would never realize that they are fierce and revengeful, quickly aroused to kill. Yet they do slay their enemies by stealth, take their heads and during a drunken feast with the sound of the drums going all night long they will shrink that same head until it is the size of an orange.

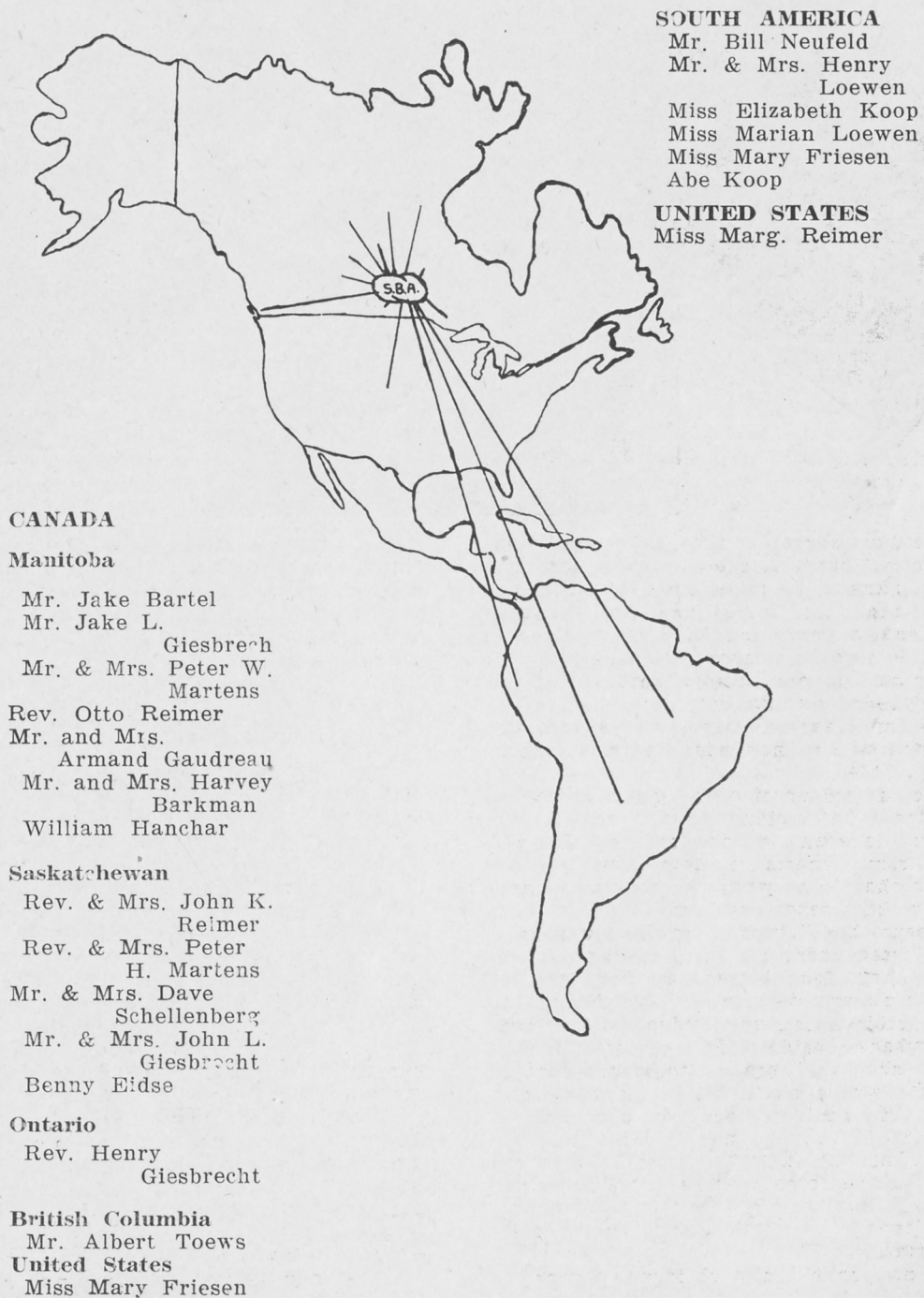
They come around to our station daily to work or to buy salt, medicine, or clothes. On Sunday they come to church, bringing their spears, blow-guns, or firearms with them. The mission station has been established now for over six years and the Indians have come to pride themselves in wearing the white man's clothing. However, some from farther away still come in their paint and feathers wearing only an "itipi", a loin cloth about a yard square. Little boys frequently run unclothed until they are old enough to work or to come to school.

When the boys and girls are in school, about from February to June, they receive spiritual instructions every day. The fruit of this labor was evident last April when five of the older students followed the Lord in baptism. Truly the Lord honors His Word! Satan, however, does not remain idle and exerts every means to trip up these babes in Christ. It was a heartbreaking time for us when one of the girls, who had been sold to an unbeliever, came to us for shelter and her irate father dragged her away. She found her own way out by running away so often that her would-be husband was ashamed to claim her anymore. Another girl, also baptized, has been taken by her father to another part of the jungle where she will have no opportunity for fellowship.

The burden for those who are being saved is as great as for those who are perishing. Only Christ is sufficient! Your prayers will help to make Him so. Please pray!

Marion Loewen.

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . .  
unto the uttermost part of the earth."





## HOME

## MISSIONS



"I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

For kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2:1-4.

Here in this portion of God's Word we see that God's plan is for "all men". Without looking at the rest of the evidence from Genesis to Revelation we are assured that God wants all men to be saved. For this reason we came to this field, to present the Word of God to a spiritually neglected area of God's vineyard.

The Lord has blessed us here with a large ministry. We teach His Word to 15-20 children in our children's meetings at Kamsack besides 190 children in the public schools. These schools are located around town about from 7-16 miles away. Again and again we see how this work is appreciated both by the children and parents. Just an example: I met one of my pupils on the street before Christmas and she said how she enjoyed Sunday School and hoped I could come again after Christmas.

In one school the children planned a

little surprise. They brought from their respective homes a collection of potatoes, carrots, canned goods etc. which they presented to me for a Christmas gift. How encouraging it is to receive such a token of appreciation.

Other phases of the work that bring great blessings are: tract distribution, D. V. B. S. work and open air meetings in summer.

The childrens' meetings in our home are quite well attended and some children have been saved. The need now is for instruction. Pray that we will be wise in teaching these young hearts.

Hospital visits are made to the sick and when possible we also sing for them. I particularly recall one man whom I visited just before he expected to go home. I spoke to him for a short while and left. I cannot recall my exact words to him but I wish now I could. My usual procedure is to leave a tract though. About two weeks later I saw to my great surprise a notice of his funeral in the paper. He had gone beyond all human help. I wondered then what I had said to the man. Had I presented the way of salvation clearly enough? I determined again to be more faithful in presenting the living Christ to a dying world.

Dave and Helen Schellenberg  
Gordon, Gary, Carolyn, and Ruth.

## SUNSET

Manitoba's northland with its island studded lakes, is unsurpassed in beauty. Its sunsets are unexcelled. As the the ball of fire drops below the western horizon, it leaves a deep crimson afterglow, fading into softer shades of pink till it gives way to the shades of night.

There is another sunset, but it leaves no pleasing afterglow. It is the sunset of a soul sinking below the horizon of this life, without hope, into a Christless eternity.

Among the island studded lakes, in a setting of evergreens, squat the lowly, dark, dingy log cabins of the Indians. Here they live in filth, poverty, disease, and die without Christ. True, they have had religion for some eighty years, but where is the evidence of transformed lives?

Breakfast is not yet over and there is a knock at the door. Percy Bee (an Indian) enters and informs us, in a broken English, that Agnes Ross died.

Come with me and we shall visit this home. It is a distance of four miles. Yes you must dress warmly, it is twenty below and a stiff breeze is whipping across the lake.

Following the toboggan trails and human foot prints we finally locate some cabins on an island nestled among groves of spruce. We ask some boys playing outside, "Iskwo nipi w otu" (woman die here). After being informed as to the right cabin, we knock and enter the house of mourning. A grim silence prevails in the room. Only women are present in the room, with the exception of the young husband, Elijah Ross, whose wife has died. Some women are squatting on the floor busily engaged in some handwork for the coffin, no doubt. Others sit in mute silence, deep sorrow written on their faces. Oh how we long to comfort them! But how?

Since the body is to be taken by dog team to God's Lake Narrows for burial we inquire through an interpreter whether they would like to have a short service, to which they give their consent. A girl leaves the cabin and soon people begin to file in. About twenty-five people sit on the floor or on the odd seats that are in the room. After a period of silence I am informed that the deceased is a Roman Catholic. After assuring them that that does not make any difference to me they are glad to have the service. A hymn book is handed to me in Cree syllabics. I give out the song "Kisewak ne Munetom" (Nearer my God to Thee). After we slur through this song my reader reads a portion of Scripture that I have chosen. We then seek to give a short message. How we long to give words of comfort to the sorrowing; if only we could give them hope that the departed has gone to be with the Lord, but how can we when she

has perhaps never heard the gospel? From God's Word we seek to show them that "It is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgement". We show them that preparations have to be made in this life, and that the only way to heaven is through the shed blood. We can only pray, believing that the informant will be able to get enough of the message across that those present will realize their need of a Savior.

As we leave the cabin of sorrow behind we think of the tremendous responsibility that is ours as the only witness within miles, but there are thousands of other Indians throughout the North that someone will be responsible for. Maybe you are the one that is able to make the sunset of some lost soul in the North a pleasant afterglow.

Jake and Mary Bartel.

## Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Christians,

Greetings with Matt. 9:35-38

"The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few". How often do we observe this! Although I am not in full time service of the Master, I am preparing myself to serve Him better in the future.

We praise God for the contacts we can make. So often it happens that they look mockingly at us in the beginning, yet they become meek and humble when they hear of our loving Lord, and you can see their desire to know more.

Two instances that I shall tell you of illustrate the above quoted passage. The other day I picked up two hitch hikers. When I learned that they were soldiers, I told them of God's army, and how God in His loving kindness had taken me into it. How he had taken away my desire to smoke, although I had at one time walked 14 miles to get cigarettes. Only too soon did we have to part. When they left the car, I handed a tract to one. "Can I have one?" asked the other. I looked at him. He seemed to be in deep earnest — a hungry soul. May God's word follow them and bring light unto their paths.

Another instance I would like to tell you of is about a certain Mrs. Johnson, who owned a rooming house in the heart of Vancouver. Sin had left its ugly marks on her face. She knew she was a sinner, so we pointed her to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world". The Spirit was working on her heart. She could not hold back her tears. She wanted to become a new creature but said it was hard to be a Christian today. Kathleen quoted Matt. 11:30. We prayed with her. She loved the story of salvation, though she knew little about it. Pray for these straying ones and for us that we might be shepherds for the lost to show them back to the fold, God bless you.

Yours in His service,

Kathleen and Albert Toews.

Paul says in Acts 20:26,27 (Williams translation) "I therefore protest to you today that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I never shrank from telling you God's whole plan." May God help us as we begin another year, that we too might be faithful in telling men of His wonderful plan of salvation, being obedient at all times when God's spirit draws our attention to some individual that we should speak to or to some truth that we should not neglect to declare.

We are very thankful to God for the privilege of serving Him in Southeastern Manitoba. When we look at what we have accomplished by way of souls saved (we can save no one), we would be tempted to say, what's the use? However we look to God's word where we read, Isaiah 55:11, "My Word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." We do realize that some of the results of our labours, only eternity will reveal. However we are thankful to God that He does see fit to let us see some results even in this world. We were very much encouraged by the conversion of a lady, about 6 weeks ago. It gives us great joy to watch her grow in the Lord. We are praying with her for the conversion of her husband and family.

We do praise the Lord for the Sunday School He has given us. The attendance hovers around the fifty mark. Will you pray with us that the Lord may give us much wisdom to implant in these tender hearts His own word. Then that the Holy Spirit may apply the Word, convict of sin and point them to the loving Saviour who is so willing to forgive and to make them new creatures in Himself.

During the summer holidays we held D. V. B. S. at five different places. At one place the door was closed for the school, only to be opened at another place with a larger attendance then we could have expected at the first one. However Satan certainly is busy too, which we noticed especially when he tried to get away from us a school that had already been promised us. However the Lord overruled, praise His name!

In Vassar we have discontinued the services every second Sunday afternoon and have a weeknight service in a private home every week instead. This pertains only to the winter months, however. We certainly felt the presence of the Lord there last Tuesday night. The South Junction services will be continued as usual every Sunday afternoon. We are thankful for the faithful help of a Steinbach Bible Academy student who is with us every Sunday to help with the work.

The Sunday evening services at Sprague have been a great blessing to us. The attendance has increased slowly but surely since we started the work here, four

and a half years ago. What we are more interested in though, than a numerical increase is in the salvation of precious souls. Through personal contact we feel that some are so near and yet so far from the kingdom of heaven. We definitely need the prayers of God's children. How we realize the truth of the words of Jesus when He said, "without me ye can do nothing." Do we sometimes work too hard, trying by our own persuasion to get people saved, not spending time in prayer, not asking God to convict by His Spirit, and thus not giving Him His due honor? I feel that has been my case. May God help us in this new year to be faithful in sowing the seed, looking to Him to give the increase.

Otto Reimer.

### PERSONAL CONTACTS

In John 4:1-30 we have a picture of a poor sinful fallen woman, who came to Jacob's well to fetch water, at a time when others would not come to get water, for she was despised and looked down upon. We can imagine her as being heavily burdened with sin, bound by chains of Satan, and not knowing of a true friend to whom she could go, to unburden herself. As she came to the well, to her surprise, she met a Jew, who spoke kindly to her. How wonderful to know it was Jesus whom she met, the sinner's Friend. We are sure she left her burden of sin at His feet.

We need not go to a foreign field, or far away to find those that are lost. Are there not many that we meet, almost every day, on the streets, or the next door neighbor, or in different other places, that have a heavy burden of sin, that do not have that blessed hope of eternal life, and who have never met Jesus face to face as the woman did at Jacob's Well?

Is it not therefore our responsibility, and privilege to contact these people about the salvation of their souls? Many times I have trembled, when speaking to some dear souls and hearing the terrifying and discouraging statements that they make, such as, "There is no God, for if there was a God, then Christians would not live as they do, for they would fear a righteous and just God." So many young people seem to be so indifferent when asked to make a decision for the Lord. Quite frequently they say, "That's silly—I'm not interested."

After an Evangelistic meeting, I had a short conversation with a young lady who said she would like to become a Christian but then, after I explained a little about what it means to follow Christ, she turned away and said, "Not tonight." The pleasures of this world were too much to give up for Christ. How sad, maybe forever too late. Others say, they have no time, let that take care of itself.



How my heart rejoices, when once in a while I meet someone, who has a longing in her heart to know Christ, for sometimes it is almost discouraging to hear all the cold answers and see so little interest and yet we are responsible for these benighted souls. I believe we should take every opportunity the Lord gives us to witness to them. He gives us these op-

portunities for a definite purpose, for by presenting God's Word to them they may become convicted of their sins, realize their need of a Saviour and accept Christ. Even though we see few results now we will see the fruits of our labours when we get to glory.

Margaret Harms.

## At School

### AT NORMAL

The Lord has lead many fine Christians, whose desire is to serve the Master faithfully, to choose the teaching profession. A number of the students have some Bible School training and some are Bible School graduates. We have been blessed by the Lord and He has answered prayer during our first period of training.

The group of Christians here at school is organized under the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, (I. V. C. F.) Every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. the Science Room is open for prayer meeting for all members of the group. Then a number of smaller groups are organized for prayer meetings and Bible study groups. These meet several times during the week in the morning and after school. We were praying for the International Missionary Conference at Urbana, Illinois and that the Lord might call one of our group to attend this conference. He answered our prayer and Jake Heinrichs became willing to cut short his Christmas holidays to be a delegate at this conference. During the last months we went out several evenings to sing carols at the Institute for the Blind, Shriner's Hospital, Deer Lodge Hospital and the Veteran's Home on Academy Road.

Miss Twining has visited us at our prayer meetings and she organized some "Good News Clubs". The principal, Mr. Lightly, graciously allows us to use the dressing rooms in the gym for the Child Evangelism Classes which include craft work and Bible lessons. The children that come to these classes are rather difficult to manage because most of them come from unhappy homes and because of the low moral standards in the community. I request your prayers for these children that they may become followers of Christ and become a blessing in the homes.

There is also a great opportunity for personal work. A number of non-Christians have attended the Bible study periods and are interested in studying the Word of God. A number of our group have spoken to unbelieving room-mates and friends but not one has accepted Christ and confessed Him openly. One evening a friend and I were talking to a Ukrainian girl who rejected the Greek

Catholic faith because she saw that the church was corrupt and offered no real satisfaction. Her father had taught her to accept only parts of the Bible and to see the good in everything including Communism. She did not believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour or in miracles but she was willing to be convinced. We promised to pray for her that the Holy Spirit might convince her and that she might accept Christ as her personal Saviour.

In some classes opportunities to testify presented themselves and students gave their testimonies fearlessly. A spirit of unity is present in our group for which I am truly thankful. We could not take such a decided stand for Christ if each denomination or nationality represented would be prejudiced against and separate from the main group. Divided we would surely fail to bring real Christianity to others and our testimonies would lack in confidence. We pray that souls may be saved before the end of June and before Jesus comes. Now pray for us that we may be faithful to meet the demands that the New Year will reveal.

Elizabeth Rempel.

### PERMIT TEACHING

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God" Mark 10:-4. This verse has become very precious to me in the last few months. Teaching has awakened me to the fact that the work among children is very important. It came to me quite forcibly that each of the children before me had a soul that would spend eternity in either of two places, which are oh so different. Teaching is a great privilege and also a great responsibility.

Most of the children in my school do not have the privilege of having the gospel in the home. It is always a great pleasure to see how eager they are to hear the stories of the Bible and especially the story of salvation.

My prayer is that I might not be guilty of "despising one of God's little ones" but that through me they might be brought closer to the Real Truth.

Rosemary Unger.

## "Go Forward"

"Go forward" is a very clear command, and that is the verse that the Lord gave me, after some time of prayer concerning mission work in a foreign field. I enjoyed the work with children in the Ozarks, but upon this decision I severed my connection with the "Go Ye" Mission, and went to Los Angeles. Here I am taking a course in the School of Missionary Medicine, a branch of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (Biola). They had 170 applications but accepted only thirty. However, one student dropped out, so I was accepted. This gave me the assurance that the Lord would see me through, which was a comfort because the course was very hard at first.

Every one of the thirty are looking to the foreign field for missionary service, and we have a wonderful fellowship. All of the doctors and nurses who teach us are Christians, and each class is begun with prayer. Some doctors sing with us and tell of their experiences with the Lord. This brings a real blessing to our class. We have chapel every day, which reminds us of our own spiritual needs, besides the physical needs of others. Every Tuesday we have prayer and report hour when we can bring our needs to the throne of grace unitedly.

Besides our lessons in the class-room which last from 7:30 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. with an hour intermission, we have work in the laboratory. Three days a week we work in the hospital, which gives our book-learning some practical value.

We have been greatly privileged to be able to witness to our patients concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. After all, the spiritual need is always present, and it's a real joy to try to help them in that realm. One or two have accepted the Lord as Saviour through the students' witnessing. Several patients have remarked about us students being "different", "cheerful", "having no worries", and that provides another avenue for testifying for our wonderful Lord, who helps us to be different from the world, to maintain a cheerful attitude, and to cast all our care upon Him, for He cares for us.

If the Lord continues to open the doors I hope to go to South America to serve Him as He sees fit. Pray for me that I may be to the praise of His glory, who brought me out of darkness into His marvellous light.

Mary Loewen

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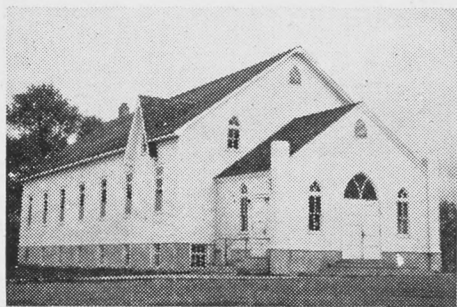
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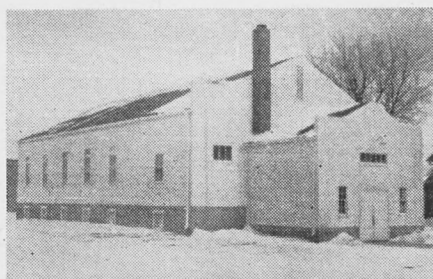
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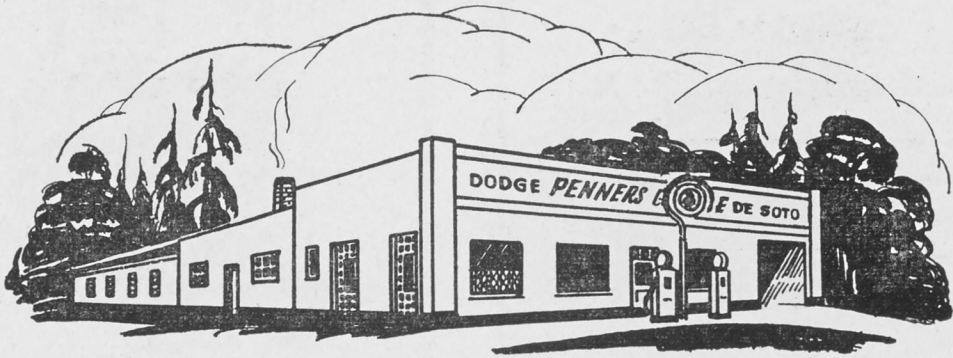
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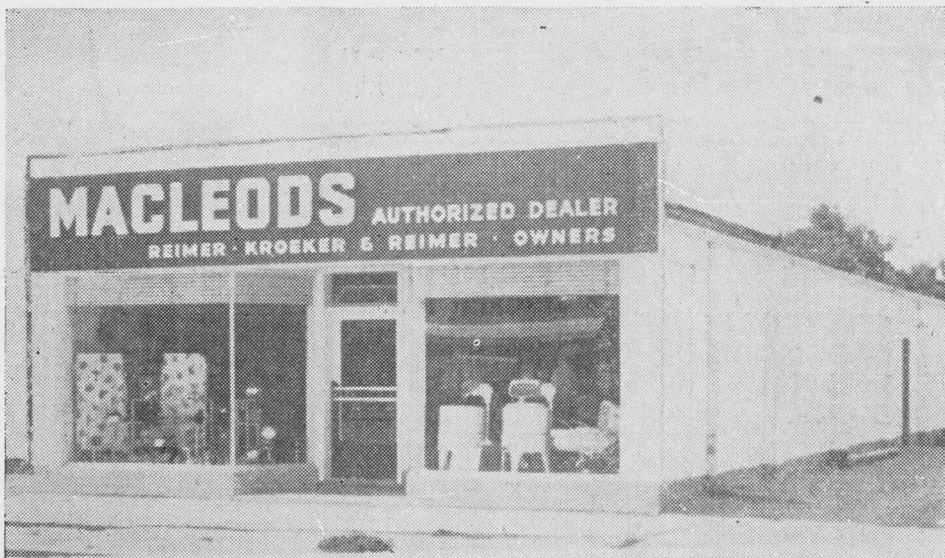
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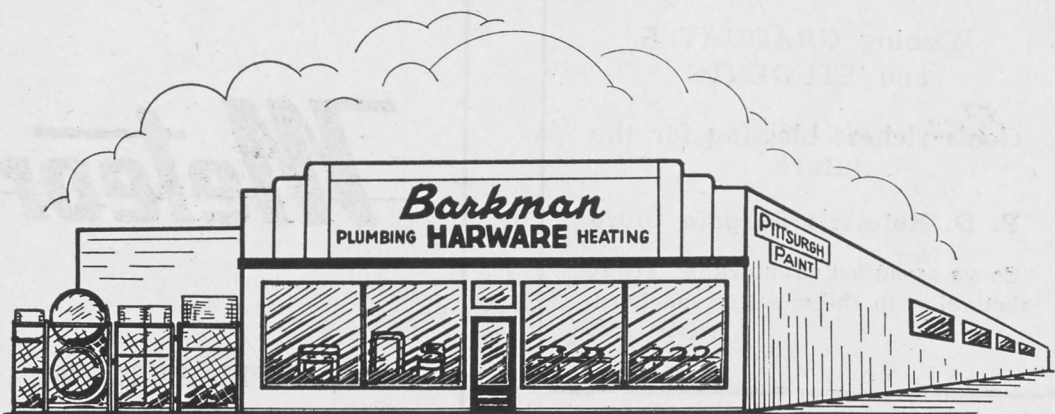
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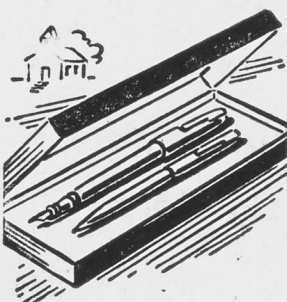
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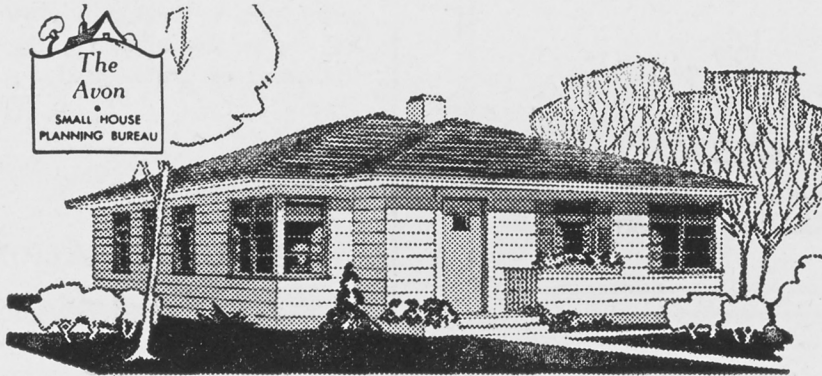
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